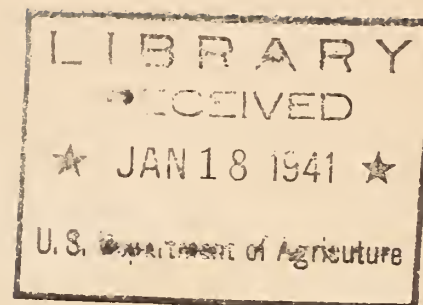


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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT FORM 1099

There is being distributed with this Division Letter, Treasury Department Form 1099, which must be submitted in quadruplicate by every full-time employee. The Form must be submitted in quadruplicate so that later one copy may be returned to the respective employees, one to the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue, one to the respective States and one retained in the Service files. In preparing the form, the following instructions are to be followed:

1. At the top of the form under the space "To Whom Paid" should be shown the Christian name, initials, if any, and the surname of the employee, and his home address.

2. Indicate in the proper space whether the employee is married or single, leaving the amount for salaries, wages, etc., blank.

3. In the space at the bottom of the form "By Whom Paid" should be shown the following:

"U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Agricultural Marketing Service,
Washington, D.C."

When the form has been completed for each employee it is to be returned to the Washington office, marked for the attention of Mrs. E. Mills, who will, in turn, transmit it to the Section of Budget and Accounts where the amount of salary received by the employee will be added. Salaries will be reported by the Section of Budget and Accounts in accordance with the amount received for services rendered during the period January 1 to December 31, 1940.

The Federal statutory exemption for the calendar year 1940 is \$800 for a single employee and \$2000 for a married employee. It will not be necessary to prepare forms for letter of authorization employees or w.a.e. employees since most of these will aggregate less than \$800.

These forms must be returned to Mrs. Mills at once. Please do not delay.

2a. REPORT OLD EQUIPMENT NOT IN USE

The following is quoted from a memorandum of December 19 signed by Mr. Hughes:

"Some of the divisions have on hand machines which were purchased from 15 to 20 years ago and typewriters which are more than 20 years old. It is believed that some definite action should be taken to relieve our records of this old equipment. In a large number of cases, it is quite likely that this old equipment is not being used at all and it is taking up valuable office space."

If any Fruit and Vegetable Division office has on hand old equipment not in use, please report it to Mrs. Mills.

3a. HELP LOCATE B. A. MORDICA

The above-mentioned party operated during the past season at points in North Carolina and on the Eastern Shores of Virginia and Maryland. It is desired to communicate with him concerning a complaint filed under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. Anyone having information as to the present address of Mr. Mordica should transmit the information to Mr. H.A. Spilman by telegraph.

4a. GROUP LIABILITY INSURANCE

Reference is made to item 1a (page 201) appearing in the Division Letter of December 13, 1940, under the above heading. It was stated in the item that no particular car was covered by the insurance, but that the protection ran with Government-owned cars or cars assigned to Government use. It was therefore assumed that the insurance would apply to personally-owned cars when operated in connection with the transaction of official business. However, in checking with two of the companies, we were advised that the insurance is limited to cars owned, hired or leased by the Government. In other words, the insurance cannot be issued to an employee to cover his personally-owned car while being operated in connection with official business.

(See also item 4f on this same subject in this Division Letter)

5a. JANUARY 20, 1941 (INAUGURATION DAY) HOLIDAY IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

January 20, 1941, (Inauguration Day) will be a holiday in the District of Columbia. The Washington offices of the Division will be closed with the exception of the Market News Service which will carry on the usual program of handling shipments, fobs and maintain the leased wire traffic. The Washington market will not be reported on that day. Business in field and city offices should be handled as usual.

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*Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 21 Nov. 18	March 31 May 31
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E.Keller	Fruits & Vegetables	Nov. 9 " 9	Jan. 10 Apr. 15
*State cooperating					

OFFICE NOTES

The following men are attending the inspectors' training class now in session in Chicago: Lester Francis (Kansas City), Minton C. Erickson (Yakima), Walter Lurry (New Orleans), Emory Hanson (North Dakota), G.M. Lynch (Denver), Glenn R. Hotchkiss (Virginia), Neil Brogger (Minn.), B.C. Lee (Miss.), Earl Hutchings (Utah), Roy Jahr (Minn.), and Tom Cole (South Carolina). The class is to be conducted until January 31. The first three men are new assistant marketing specialist appointees. After the training class Mr. Lurry will report to the New Orleans inspection office for duty at that point. At this time it is not definitely known where Messrs. Francis and Erickson will be stationed. The other men attending this class are being sent by the respective State agencies with whom co-operative inspection work is being conducted. Earl L. Biddick, formerly employed cooperatively in the Minneapolis office, has also recently been appointed as an assistant marketing specialist, with Chicago headquarters. Inasmuch as Mr. Biddick has previously attended a similar training class he is only devoting such time to the present class as may be spared from full-time inspection duties.

Evert Elvin will be engaged during the coming week at Fresno, California, inspecting large quantities of raisins for the Navy.

R.B. Landrum has been unable to perform official duties at the Oklahoma City office for the past several days due to an attack of influenza.

J. W. Coleman, who has been absent from the Cincinnati office for the past several weeks due to an injury received while performing official duties, returned to his work on January 2.

R.M. Ferguson, who relieved Mr. Coleman during his recent absence, is now at Houston, Texas, relieving C.D. Shirley, who is absent due to illness.

W.L. Evans and L.C. Carey are spending approximately two weeks in New York City making investigations under the P.A.C. Act.

R.R. Pailthorp left Washington on January 8 to spend two days in New York City for the purpose of conferring with inspectors and others in the interest of the work in connection with grades and standards.

F.G. Robb left Washington on January 8, going to Chicago and Cleveland. He will return about January 15.

Paul M. Williams will leave Washington about January 15 to spend approximately three weeks at various points in the middle west conferring with members of the trade and others in the interest of the processed foods inspection work.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. SHAPE OF BLACK VALENTINE STRINGLESS BEANS

We are advised by the Bureau of Plant Industry that the Black Valentine Stringless Bean is an oval or a semi-flat rather than a round bean. This variety, however, seems to show considerable variation in shape, some pods being almost as flat as the Bountiful while others are almost round.

Shipping point inspectors should advise shippers against selling the Black Valentine Stringless as a round bean as is apparently being done by some at the present time.

An inspector should not attempt to certify the variety a lot of which contains considerable variation in shape but should state under Products Inspected: "Green snap beans -- semi-flat to flat shapes."

2f. CORRECTION - "BUDWORM INJURY OF SPINACH"

An error appears in the Division Letter of December 27, 1940, item 2f, page 214, under the above quoted heading. Please correct the tenth word, of the 8th line, to read "refused" instead of "revised."

3f. ENCLOSURE - "Retail Trade Practices and Preferences for Early-Crop Potatoes in Chicago, and Quality Analyses of Potatoes Offered for Sale to Consumers, 1940."

The above entitled 34-page mimeographed pamphlet is being distributed to each inspector with this issue of the Division Letter.

4f. GROUP LIABILITY INSURANCE

In Division Letter of December 13 the attention of those who drive Government-owned cars was called to group insurance policies which might be obtained from certain companies at the rate of \$8 for personal injury damage up to \$5,000 for one and \$10,000 for 2 or more persons and for property damage up to \$5,000.

Our attention has been called by one of our inspectors to the fact that his insurance company with whom he has the regular \$5,000 and \$10,000 liability policy offers for an additional \$5 premium a so-called "Drive-Other-Car, Broad Form" which carries the same insurance in case of accident when driving a Government or other car as covers the driving of the personally-owned automobile. In view of this fact it is suggested that all employees who already have liability insurance on their personally-owned cars inquire of their insurance companies as to the possibility of this additional insurance to cover liability when driving a Government car.

As stated in the above mentioned Division Letter article, it should be remembered that this insurance is entirely a personal matter and each inspector should deal individually with his own company or with the companies furnishing group insurance in negotiating insurance of this kind.

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5f. MAKING RECEIVING MARKET INSPECTIONS FOR THE SURPLUS MARKETING ADMINISTRATION

The Surplus Marketing Administration occasionally calls for an inspection in receiving markets to determine the quality and condition of products which they have shipped to local relief agencies. Such inspections should show the S.M.A. as applicant. It will not be necessary to prepare the usual fee bill for such inspections but the amount of the fees and expenses, if any, should be reported to Washington on the form F.P.I.-19 - "Services Rendered to Other Federal Departments." No fee should be shown on the certificate but the words "Transfer of funds" should be typed in the space for the fee. The fee should be computed at the inspector's hourly salary rate.

6f. "GUIDE FOR SHIPPING POINT SUPERVISORS"

Without having been mentioned therein, a 15-page mimeographed circular with the above quoted title was distributed to shipping point supervisors with the Division Letter dated December 27, 1940.

7f. ENCLOSURE - "INSPECTION OF LETTUCE"

A 25-page mimeographed circular entitled "Inspection of Lettuce" accompanies this Division Letter for each receiving market inspector.

8f. USE PUNCTUATION MARKS IN WRITING WIRES

Since there is now no additional cost for commas and periods in telegrams, it is urged that all wires be punctuated whenever there is any doubt as to the meaning. Remember that while the meaning of a wire may be perfectly clear to you, it is possible that it may be misinterpreted by the receiver unless properly punctuated.

9f. REPORTING BACTERIAL RING ROT OF SEED POTATOES

Bacterial Ring Rot is a very serious disease in seed potatoes. Many growers refuse to plant a lot of seed in which even a single specimen of ring rot is found. It is very important, therefore, that the diagnosis of this disease in seed potatoes be correct. An inspection certificate which shows Bacterial Ring Rot when the cause of the decay is common Slimy Soft Rot (*bacillus carotovorus*) may cause a serious and unwarranted loss to the shipper. Whenever a soft decay is found in a lot of seed potatoes it should be reported only as soft rot even though the inspector believes it may be Bacterial Ring Rot. If the applicant insists on a definite statement as to the cause of the decay two or three typical specimens should be mailed at once to Miss Lillian Cash, U.S. Horticultural Experiment Station, Beltsville, Md., with a request for diagnosis and wire report. This diagnosis can be made and a report returned in 24 hours or less. If the report from Beltsville shows Bacterial Ring Rot the certificate may carry the definite statement under "Condition" that the decay is caused by Bacterial Ring Rot and be followed by a statement under "Remarks" similar to the following: "Diagnosis of Bacterial Ring Rot as cause of this decay based on report on samples sent U.S. Horticultural Experiment Station, Beltsville, Md." If the Beltsville report shows the decay is not caused by Bacterial Ring Rot no additional statement need be made on the certificate, the statement as to soft rot under "Condition" being sufficient.

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10f. SUBSTITUTE SHEETS FOR PRODUCTS CIRCULAR MARKET INSPECTION OF APPLES

Two sheets - 25-a and - 26-b and - 27-a and - 28-b are enclosed and should be immediately substituted for pages 25, 26 and 27, 28 of the Circular Market Inspection of Apples dated December 1, 1940.

11f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw,
Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417
N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

12f. PLEASE DEDUCT FROM LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

Toledo Fruit & Produce Co.,	Toledo, Ohio	\$4.80
B.B. Black Co.	Ft. Fairfield, Me.	4.00

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TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER, 1940.

(L.C.L.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	125 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nebraska	461
California	4249	New Hampshire	13
Colorado	758 $\frac{1}{2}$	North Dakota	1191
Delaware	40	New York	874
Florida	9131	Ohio	254
Idaho	4052 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oklahoma	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Indiana	16	Oregon	2979 $\frac{1}{2}$
Iowa	15	Pennsylvania	271
Kansas	2	Texas	4244 $\frac{1}{2}$
Louisiana	526	Utah	84*
Maine	1571	Virginia	575
Michigan	970 $\frac{1}{2}$	Washington	3655 $\frac{1}{4}$
Maryland	190 $\frac{1}{2}$	West Virginia	134**
Massachusetts	54	Wisconsin	207
Minnesota	892	Wyoming	113
Montana	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	TOTAL	37,663 3/4

* There were 461 trucklots aggregating 6,025,840 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

** One inspection for October, included.

The following reports not yet received: New Jersey, North and South Carolina. Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: California 61, Colorado 253, Florida 248, and West Virginia 246.

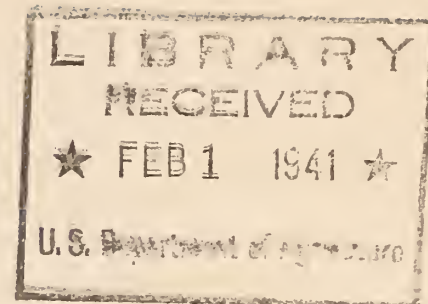
In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following market for the S.M.A. in the amount indicated: Hartford, Conn. 3 cars.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER, 1940</u>					
<u>Total</u>			<u>Total</u>		
<u>Same Month</u>			<u>Same Month</u>		
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Albany	12	0	Milwaukee	29	34
Atlanta	30	26	Minneapolis	26	38
Baltimore	40	22	Newark	11	24
Boston	105	196	New Haven	12	11
Buffalo	75	52	New Orleans	68	97
Chicago	146	204	New York	423	443
Cincinnati	24	23	Norfolk	14	59
Cleveland	58	31	Oklahoma City	11	11
Columbus	17	30	Philadelphia	55	52
Denver	23	23	Pittsburgh	66	39
Detroit	185	216	Portland	7	28
East Providence	16	17	Rochester	6	2
Fargo	0	1	St. Louis	55	35
Fort Worth	10	6	Salt Lake City	1	0
Harrisburg	0	1	San Francisco	0	8
Hartford	43	17	Seattle	14	10
Houston	13	20	Tampa	2	1
Indianapolis	11	9	Trenton	6	-
Jacksonville	41	42	Washington, D.C.	10	14
Kansas City	48	64	TOTAL	1742	1934
Los Angeles	11	6	Total fees assessed for		Total last year

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. JURY SERVICE - CREDITING OF JURY FEES

The following quotes an Administrative Memorandum issued under date of January 17, 1941:

This supplement is issued to amplify the method of procedure to be followed in connection with crediting jury fees collected by employees and for the purpose of establishing a uniform procedure throughout the Service for recording and processing the collection of such fees.

Effective immediately all adjustments necessary due to collection of jury fees by employees will be handled by means of payroll deductions rather than by refund of such fees by the employees. Hereafter any employee receiving jury fees from a state court or subdivision thereof should retain such fees and in every case report receipt of the total amount received to the Certifying Officer who prepared his payroll in order that that officer may make payroll notation and deduction in such cases in the manner prescribed herein. The payroll for the period involved will be prepared to show the full gross amount accruing to the employee in the "Gross Amount Earned" column. The full retirement amount, if any, will be indicated in the "Retirement" column. The amount received by the employee as jury fees (not including amounts allowed for mileage or subsistence) within the period covered by the payroll will be entered in the "Other Deductions" column and the net amount (gross amount less deductions for retirement and jury fees) will be entered in the "Net Amount Paid" column of the payroll. In explanation of the deduction there should be shown, in every case, notation as follows in the "Remarks" column:

Deductions for jury service in the _____ court, from _____ to _____, at daily rate of \$ _____, jury duty certificate No. _____, dated _____, signed by _____, Clerk of Court.

When an employee receives jury fees at a rate in excess of his salary, only the amount of his salary is to be deducted. For example, if an employee receives jury fees at the rate of \$3.50 per day and his salary payments amount to \$1080 per annum, or only \$3.00 per day, the amount of the deduction is to be \$3.00 per day and not \$3.50.

JURY SERVICE - CREDITING OF JURY FEES (cont'd)

The interpretation given to "State Court" is any state, municipal, county, or any other branch of the state court. Federal employees may not receive fees for duty in federal courts as this would be a violation of the dual compensation restrictions.

2a. PAYROLL PROCEDURE FOR NEW PERSONNEL ACTION FORM

The following quotes an Administrative Memorandum issued under date of January 18, which should be given careful attention by all employees responsible for the preparation of payrolls.

Employees responsible for the preparation of payrolls are advised that the new Departmental appointment form does not contain the action number as indicated on the previous form. The notation on the payrolls regarding personnel actions will therefore be changed by omitting reference to the action number.

In the case of a new appointment the notation will be:

"Appointment by direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, dated January 15, 1941, effective and entered on duty January 16, 1941. Oath of Office January 17, 1941."

In case of promotion:

"Promotion from \$1800 to \$1860 per annum, effective January 16, 1941, by direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, dated January 15, 1941."

All other conditions contained in "Payroll Procedure" and the amendments thereto continue in effect.

3a. PERSONNEL ACTIONS - CHANGE IN DATES EFFECTIVE.

We are advised by the Business Manager, under date of January 17, that during the period July 1, 1939 - September 30, 1940, there were 225 personnel actions involving changes in effective dates.

It is felt that this large number of changes in effective dates could be obviated by better planning for future needs and thereby reduce a number of rush actions which, if they are not consummated on the date recommended, usually involve a change in the effective date.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. SUMMARY OF VEGETABLE MOVEMENT FROM SANTA MARIA GUADALUPE DIST., CALIF. (1/11-17)

Demand for carrots was slow throughout the week and the f.o.b. cash market was nominally around \$1.35, a few cars being sold at this figure. Most of the movement continues to originate in the Lompoc area.

Broccoli was in good demand and during the first part of the week heads were bringing \$1.85-2.00 and shoots \$1.35-1.50. Later in the week heads generally commanded \$2.00 and in one instance one shipper was asking \$2.25 but no sales were confirmed at this figure. Shoots brought around \$1.50 during the latter part of the week.

Celery demand fell off during the week and sales were reported only on the large sizes, around 3-3½ dozen, these selling at \$1.35-1.40, and at \$1.50 over the wire. The smaller sizes were being rolled unsold and consigned. Many of the cars were on previous orders since wet fields early in the week kept most shippers behind on their orders. Quality ranged from poor to fairly good. Much stock had to be stripped heavily on account of the outer stalks being "waterlogged", there having been so much recent rain.

Cauliflower sizes were still running heavy to 9s, 10s and 11s but late in the week some improvement was noted, and fields were yielding more 11s and 12s. Demand through the week has been rather slow on the larger sizes and heavy 12s have been selling at a premium, in most cases bringing 5¢ more per crate. During the first half of the week the market generally held between 45 and 50 cents. During the latter part of the week the market advanced to 50-55 cents. There were a few cases where cars heavy to 9s and 10s sold as low as 35 cents.

Chicory demand was good during the first part of the week and a few sales were reported at \$1.25-1.35. Later in the week there was no demand and no sales were reported. (Thos. C. Sublett, Jr.)

2b. ANNUAL LEAVE

Each field and market station man is requested to furnish, at his earliest convenience, his preference for annual leave for the coming spring, summer and fall. Please give first, second, and third preferences as usual. Since it is always difficult to schedule leave periods, which of course must be worked out without any disruption to the field station program, it is essential that this advice be received sufficiently in advance of the annual leave season to enable us to work out as satisfactory a schedule as possible. Please furnish your preferences by April 1. It will be assumed that anyone not replying by April 1 does not plan to take any extended leave this year.

B.C. Boree

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1f. TREAT NET NECROSIS AS FACTOR OF CONDITION

The following paragraph from a recent bulletin issued by the State of Maine on net necrosis of potatoes seems to definitely indicate that at least during certain parts of the storage season net necrosis is progressive. It should therefore be treated as a factor of condition in receiving market inspections.

"Net necrosis generally does not show up until potatoes have been in storage from four to eight weeks, but may continue to increase during the storage period. One experiment showed that when net necrosis was present early in the winter, it continued to increase until after February 1. This does not mean that the trouble will spread from diseased to healthy tubers, but that the discoloration develops more slowly in some tubers than others even though the leafroll virus is present."

There may be cases in which net necrosis found in the markets is so serious that there can be but little doubt that the potatoes were out of grade at time of shipment. No general rule can be laid down which will apply to all such cases. Receiving market inspectors should, therefore, in reporting results of appeal inspections, advise the percentage of waste found in specimens which are out of grade at the time of inspection in the destination markets and await instructions as to whether they should reverse the certificate or certify "Now fails to grade etc."

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

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For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

3f. RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER, 1940.

It is regretted that the itemization shown below failed to print on the bottom of page 222 of the D.L. dated January 10, 1941, in connection with the table showing receiving point inspections during November, 1940:

Memphis	14	14	Total fees assessed for	Total last year
Miami	4	8	November, 1940, \$6,893.24	\$8,486.49.
1280 cars inspected for Western Perishable				
Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.				

Mr. George W. Payne - Knight-of-the-Night.

Mr. George W. Payne, recently retired Assistant Regional Supervisor of the Eastern District, was Knight-of-the-Night on January 11, 1941, when his former office associates sponsored a dinner and reception in his honor at a well-known New York City Night Club. The gathering came as a complete surprise to Mr. Payne although Mrs. Payne, who shared honors with Mr. Payne, was "in" on the secret. (To Mr. W. C. Hackleman goes credit for a clever scheme used in completing the surprise.)

A seven-course dinner was served during which the Club's master-of-ceremonies stopped the floor show to announce that a group of workers from the United States Department of Agriculture had gathered "over on the left" to do honor to Mr. George W. Payne who was retiring after 23 years of Government service. (Sixty-eight were in attendance.) A spot light was thrown upon Mr. Payne, who was being heartily applauded. He was asked to come up to the stage where, on behalf of his former official associates and friends, he was presented with a 21-jewel Hamilton wrist watch and a beautiful traveling bag. At this time telegrams of felicitation sent by Mr. Meal and Mr. Robb (neither of whom could be present) were read and turned over to Mr. Payne together with other telegrams too numerous to read aloud at that moment. With his usual equanimity, Mr. Payne responded in faultless style, thanking all those responsible for the entertainment, gifts and courtesies bestowed upon him and also expressing assurance that he was proud to have been associated for so many years with such a fine organization and splendid group of people.

Mrs. Payne, who was presented with a corsage of orchids, is now, with Mr. Payne, in Florida where they will remain until about April 1. (See Division Letter item appearing on page 206, December 13, 1940, issue.)

Even though it is true that the various committees handling details of arrangement had, in Mr. Payne and his lovely wife, inspiring material around which to build their plans they earned and received the plaudits of all for consummating the party to such excellence.

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OFFICE NOTES:

The following information has been received from Mr. L.W. Brewer, in charge of the Salt Lake City office: "I have recently changed my residence address in Salt Lake City from 1407 Logan Avenue to 2638 Alden Street. The local telephone company recently installed the dial system for telephones, necessitating a complete change in all telephone numbers. The new call number for the Salt Lake City office is 4-2515, extension 201. My new residence phone number is 6-6566." All address lists should be corrected accordingly.

Mr. M.W. Baker, in charge of the Columbus, Ohio, office, advises that his residence address is now 77 North West Street, Westerville, Ohio. Residence telephone number: Westerville 5957-J.

Almost every mail brings the news of additional employees throughout the country being afflicted with Influenza. Among the latest is W.C. Hackleman, of the New York City office.

George W. Winfrey is making investigations under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act at various points in the States of Ill., Ind., Mich., Wis., and Mo.

B.C. Boree will leave Washington about February 2 on an official business trip in the interest of the market news service. He expects to visit various points in the States of Pa., Ohio, Mich., Ill., Mo., Texas, Okla., La., and Ga., being away from his desk for approximately three weeks.

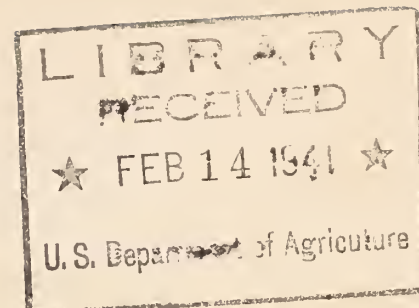
On January 16 W.G. Meal addressed the New York State Horticultural Society meeting at Rochester on the subject, "What the Fruit Industry Needs Today." He spent the next two days at our New York City office. On January 23 he conferred with State officials at Albany, and on his return is attending the Pennsylvania Farm Show at Harrisburg.

James A. Marks, in charge of the Memphis, Tennessee, office advises his residence address is now Route No. 6, Box 531, Memphis. Residence telephone, 48-3783.

Elmer P. Bostwick, temporarily assigned to processed foods inspection work at Lakeland, Florida, is officially located at Room 119 Citrus Center Building. His home address is 938 Success Ave., Apt. No. 4, Lakeland.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

Not for publication

1a. MISBRANDING

Attention of inspectors and market news representatives is directed again to confidential Memorandum No. 77, dated May 3, 1939, which outlines the manner in which cases of misbranding will be handled.

As the memorandum indicates, it is our policy to take action in all cases of flagrant misbranding which may come to our attention. You are expected to report all such cases by wire immediately to the Washington office, with available information regarding the misbranded lots. Your reports should be made directly to H.A. Spilman, of the regulatory section, for handling in accordance with the procedure defined in the memorandum.

W. G. Meal

2a. ADVISE WASHINGTON OFFICE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGE IN COOPERATIVE SALARY

With reference to the source of cooperative salaries, it is important, in order that records in the Washington office may be kept current, that the Washington office be immediately advised as to any change in the source of a cooperative salary, as well as any change in the amount of the salary. Occasionally an employee may work under a cooperative salary in one State and then go temporarily to another State under similar arrangements.

3a. PROTECTION OF FINGERPRINT CHARTS

There is being distributed to the field offices, with this D.L., copy of a Memorandum signed by the Director of Personnel under date of January 23, 1941, on the subject "Protection of Fingerprint Charts."

4a. HELP LOCATE JACK STEARN

Anyone having any knowledge of the present whereabouts, or business activities, of Jack Stearn, formerly of Indianapolis, Indiana, and later located at 195 N. W. 36th St., Miami, Fla., is requested to immediately advise H.A. Spilman, referring to PACA C-2017. Mr. Stearn is reported to have left the Miami address in October, 1940.

5a. HELP LOCATE S. MILLER

A P.A.C. Act complaint has been filed against S. Miller, reputedly of Miami, Florida. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this individual, or having information concerning him, please communicate promptly with H.A. Spilman.

Division Letter, February 7, 1941

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
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Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 26	April 16
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*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 3	March 31
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*State cooperating					

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

December, 1940.

Cities	Navy	Veterans' Hospitals	Quartermaster	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	Public Health	Other	Federal	Insti- & City	State	Steamship Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,412	24,003
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	279,541	-
Chicago	-	10,208	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit	-	19,091	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	725,150	40,380	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	342,167	18,210	-	-	-	-	-	-	140,126	-
Memphis	-	26,426	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	116,664	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	134,303	-
Newark	32,336	52,755	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	171,017	-
New York	403,721	110,719	37,466	57,192	219,143	3,468	-	-	349,957	795,572	-
Norfolk	1,141,598	-	-	5,451	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	377,643	65,059	26,200	-	-	-	-	-	183,453	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	40,849	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,823	-	-
Portland	5,325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	19,939	5,890	-	-	-	-	-	324,426 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	-
San Diego	1,402,380	-	659,269	11,121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	2,007,034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	892,977	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	490,175	-	35,187	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	1,990	-	-	-	-	-	50,642	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7,480,329	844,257	782,222	73,764	219,143	54,110	1,657,058	-	-	-	819,575
GRAND TOTAL	11,930,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING DECEMBER, 1940

L.C.L.'s reduced to carlot equivalents.)

State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.
Arizona	4180	New York	741*
California	2580 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ohio	162
Colorado	773	North Dakota	969
Florida	12910	Oklahoma	3
Georgia	3	Oregon	2219
Idaho	2912 $\frac{1}{2}$	Pennsylvania	34
Indiana	37	South Carolina	6
Iowa	18	Texas	4054 $\frac{1}{2}$
Louisiana	366	Utah	22**
Maine	2090	Virginia	50
Maryland	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Washington	2888-7/8
Massachusetts	4	West Virginia	29
Michigan	864 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wisconsin	118
Minnesota	551	Wyoming	115 $\frac{1}{2}$
Montana	13		
Nebraska	474	TOTAL	39,202-5/8

** There were 411 trucklots aggregating 5,389,610 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

* Includes 2 carlots not reported in October.

The following reports not yet received: New Jersey, New Mexico, and North Carolina. Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: California 122, Colorado 81, Idaho 100, West Virginia 7.

In addition to the above, inspection was made in the following market for the S.M.A. in the amount indicated: Boston, Mass. 1 car.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING DECEMBER, 1940.</u>							
Total		Same Month		Total		Same Month	
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections
Albany	14	5	Milwaukee	27	29		
Atlanta	26	10	Minneapolis	30	29		
Baltimore	47	23	Newark	11	25		
Boston	135	227	New Haven	29	9		
Buffalo	63	56	New Orleans	56	64		
Chicago	184	178	New York	472	462		
Cincinnati	25	16	Norfolk	13	41		
Cleveland	62	30	Oklahoma City	18	13		
Columbus	29	28	Omaha	-	9		
Denver	32	13	Philadelphia	41	58		
Detroit	224	235	Pittsburgh	56	41		
East Providence	13	20	Portland	29	20		
Fort Worth	14	7	Rochester	13	7		
Harrisburg	2	0	St. Louis	39	26		
Hartford	65	19	Salt Lake City	1	0		
Houston	18	15	San Francisco	0	20		
Indianapolis	16	9	Seattle	12	6		
Jacksonville	48	25	Tampa	3	0		
Kansas City	53	36	Trenton	3	-		
Los Angeles	11	4	Washington, D.C.	9	10		
Memphis	12	8					
Miami	7	2					

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Total fees assed for Total last year
December, 1940, \$7,556.37 \$7,672.73
1380 cars inspected for Western Perishable
Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.

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1f. RECEIVING MARKET INSPECTION - GRAPES

A revised products circular entitled "Receiving Market Inspection Grapes" dated January 15, 1941, was mailed to all inspectors with the D.L. of January 24, 1941. This revised circular covers instructions for the inspection of both the Labrusca and Vinifera types of grape and takes the place of the old circulars on Western grapes and Eastern grapes which should now be destroyed.

2f. STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL MATTER MAILED FREE OF POSTAGE

There has recently been mailed to each shipping point Supervisor a sheet of instructions with reference to the above entitled subject and a small supply of forms to be used by the licensed inspectors in recording and reporting the information to the Supervising Inspector. Additional copies of these forms may be obtained upon request addressed to the Washington office.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

4f. UNPAID BILLS FOR PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GRADINGS

The same procedure should be used in attempting to collect outstanding bills for Processed gradings as for fresh fruit and vegetable inspections. This procedure is outlined in paragraphs 228, 229 and 230 of the Receiving Market Inspection Service Handbook covering fresh fruits and vegetables.

5f. OMIT MENTION OF NET NECROSIS OF POTATOES IN CERTIFYING CONDITION ONLY

A question has been raised as to whether condition-only inspections for steamships and similar agencies should cover net necrosis of potatoes. While net necrosis is to be considered as a factor of condition in destination appeal inspections as directed in article 1f of Division Letter of January 24, it is not classed as a condition factor by carriers and others who ask for condition-only inspections. Such applicants, furthermore, do not wish to have cut the number of specimens necessary to make a complete net necrosis determination. In the future, therefore, net necrosis should not be covered by condition-only inspection.

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES

J.W. Park attended a meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers held at Atlanta, Georgia, February 5-7. He delivered an address on "Meeting Market News Problems Incident to Motor Truck Transportation of Southern Fruits and Vegetables."

John E. Dodds left Washington on February 1 to visit points in Florida, Louisiana and Texas for the purpose of discussing with the trade methods of oil distillation in citrus juices, as outlined in the Federal grades for this product, and to inspect canning factories in that area applying for continuous factory inspection. He will be gone about two weeks.

R.E. Shoemaker and W.H. Steinbauer are making investigations under the P.A.C. Act at Chicago and nearby points. They will return to Washington about March 5.

Wm. G. Meal is spending February 8 in New York City for the purpose of conferring with employees and members of the trade with reference to the various services rendered by the Division.

Paul M. Williams and H.S. Slamp spent February 6 and 7 in the Philadelphia, Pa., and Bridgeton, N.J., area inspecting canning plants applying for continuous factory inspection.

M. W. Baker, in charge of the Columbus office, advises that the correct number for his residence telephone is Westerville 595-J and not 5957-J, as recently published in the D.L.

W.W. Anderson, who is now in charge of the shipping point inspection work in the State of Louisiana, is officially located at Room 2401 State Capitol Building, Baton Rouge, La. The telephone numbers for this office are: (Long Distance) 3-2707 and Capitol 5681-ext. 35.

Paul M. Williams will leave Washington the latter part of next week, going to San Diego, Portland, Seattle, Denver and other far western points for the purpose of holding conferences and studying plans in connection with the proposed inauguration of continuous factory inspection of processed foods in that territory. He expects to be absent from the Washington office about four weeks. Mr. Williams recently completed a similar survey at points in the States of Minn., Ill., Mich., Ind. and Ohio.

Effective February 16 D.S. Matheson, of the Buffalo inspection office, will be transferred to Raleigh, N.C., for the purpose of supervising shipping point inspection work in North Carolina. He will also handle certain other marketing work for the State.

R.C. Lindstrom will leave Chicago about February 15 to spend approximately two weeks in Kansas City assisting Mr. Lyle with an unusual volume of seed potato inspections, cars from the Northern States destined to Oklahoma and Arkansas being stopped there for inspection to show compliance with the regulations of these States. Mr. Lindstrom will then proceed to San Diego, Calif., where he will relieve Mr. Arenz while on leave and later will go to San Pedro to handle Mr. Wright's work while he is taking annual leave.

STANDARDIZATION & RESEARCH1c. REVISION OF U.S. STANDARDS FOR SLICING CUCUMBERS

Copies of the revised U.S. Standards for Slicing Cucumbers, effective February 15, 1941, have been mailed to inspectors.

The most significant change is the addition of a requirement for the amount of green in both U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 grades and a raising of the color requirement for U.S. Fancy.

Another important change is the substitution of minimum diameter requirements for the previous requirement of "sufficiently mature for slicing purposes."

The length requirements for U.S. Fancy and U.S. No. 1 are increased from five to six inches, unless otherwise specified, and in U.S. No. 2 the length is increased from four to five inches, unless otherwise specified.

There are a number of changes in definitions and the term "overgrown" has been used to supplant the former term "full grown."

A new set of drawings, illustrating shapes permissible in the various grades, is in line with present day long, slender varieties.

A new grade, "U.S. No. 1 Small" has been added to care for the smaller cucumbers which are sorted out, packed separately, and sold for dill pickles or other purposes.

2c. REVISION OF U.S. STANDARDS FOR ASPARAGUS

Copies of the revised U.S. Standards for Asparagus, effective February 15, 1941, have been mailed to inspectors.

The only change is regarding trimming. The old standards required that both U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 be well trimmed. The revised grades require U.S. No. 1 to be well trimmed and allow U.S. No. 2 to be fairly well trimmed. A change is made in the definition of well trimmed and a definition added for fairly well trimmed asparagus. An additional tolerance is provided for trimming.

R.R. Pailthorp

PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE1d. FORM TO BE USED IN STATEMENT OF GRADE ON PROCESSED FOODS CERTIFICATES OF GRADE

The statement of grade on certificates should be typed immediately after the word "Grade" as follows:

- (1) "U. S. GRADE A (Fancy)"
- or
- (2) "U. S. GRADE A or U. S. FANCY"

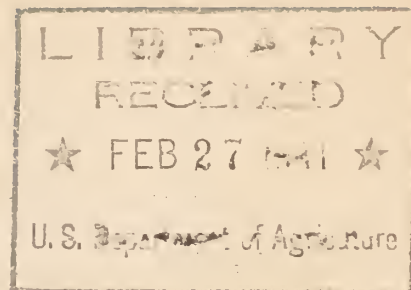
Form number (2) is being used in all the new or revised grades.

Some offices have fallen into the habit of using "Grade A" or "Fancy". This practice should be discontinued.

Paul M. Williams

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. APPOINTMENT FORMS TO OMIT RACE QUESTIONS AND REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPHS

An item under the above title appeared in The A.M.S. News dated February 1, 1941. Every field representative is urged to study the item carefully. Because of its importance it is being repeated below:

The Civil Service Commission has approved the deletion of all references to race and photographs contained in its forms. New editions of the declaration-of-appointee Form 124b for the field service, which is now being printed, will omit such reference.

Until the new edition of this form is received, the old edition will be used. In an article in THE A. M. S. NEWS of October 1, 1939, the Business Manager called attention to the use of the March 1939 edition of Form 124b, declaration-of-appointee form for the field service. At that time it was requested that old editions of the form be discarded. Field representatives are requested to strike out part (d) of question 2 of the 1940 issue, which asks appointees to which race they belong.

Field representatives should delete the word "photograph" on page 2, question 2, under the heading:

"Please fill in and sign the following in connection with probationary appointment:"

Since photographs no longer are used for identification purposes, it is urged that extremely careful consideration be given at the time of appointment to the three questions designed to prevent impersonation, which should now read as follows:

"Have you, for purposes of identification and to prevent impersonation--

(1) Questioned the appointee on his personal history for agreement with his application statements?

(2) Checked the appointee's personal and physical appearance for agreement with his medical certificate, and descriptions given in preliminary and declaration sheet?

(3) Checked the appointee's signature and handwriting in this form with that in the examination papers and application?"

Field representatives may obtain supplies of Form 124b as required from district managers of the Civil Service Commission.

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THE FOLLOWING STATION CLOSED ON THE DATE INDICATED

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Planters Hotel			Lettuce	Jan. 7	" 19
*State cooperating					

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. SCHEDULES OF COLLECTIONS:

In preparing Schedules of Collections, Standard Forms 1044, your attention is again called to the column headed "Detail Description for which Collections were Received." Please show under this heading whether fees are for fresh fruit and vegetable inspections or for processed foods so that the Accounting office may credit these fees to the proper project. The addition of the word "FRESH" or "PROCESSED," as the case may be, is desired. For instance "FRESH F. & V. INSP.," or "PROCESSED FOODS INSP." If a heading of this kind is placed at the top of the column, it is not necessary to repeat it for individual items.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

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N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

3f. ENLARGED LENTICELS OF POTATOES

In the past few seasons several lots of Florida Red Bliss potatoes have arrived on northern markets showing either of two conditions. First, numerous small blister-like areas around some of the enlarged lenticels with watery-appearing spots affecting the flesh immediately beneath to a very slight depth. Second, numerous small, slightly sunken or pitted areas around the lenticels which may or may not be enlarged.

It is believed that both conditions are due to excessively wet weather immediately before digging. Apparently pitting is due to the loss of some of the surplus water which was just below the enlarged lenticels. Sometimes the spots have a bleached appearance after the water has been lost.

Since this pitted condition apparently develops or at least changes in transit, and in fact gets progressively worse even after the potatoes arrive at the market, it should be handled as a condition factor. In many instances it is not of sufficient severity to materially affect the appearance, and will usually not cause appreciable waste in preparation for use.

4f. INFORMATION ON CARLOADINGS, CONTAINERS, VARIETIES, AND GRADES OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Enclosed with this Division Letter, for each inspector and market news man is a 47-paged mimeographed publication with the above quoted title.

5f. POTATO DIVERSION PROGRAM

On February 7 the Secretary of Agriculture approved a potato diversion program under which as much as 12,500,000 bushels of potatoes may be diverted to livestock feed, the Government paying 25¢ per hundredweight for all potatoes so diverted. This program is being put into operation in Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and the California potato area which is just across the line from the Klamath Falls Oregon potato district. Potatoes to be eligible for diversion must be U.S. No. 2 grade or better. Inspection to determine compliance with the diversion specifications will be handled by the shipping point inspection service in each of the States named. In Nebraska and Wyoming the work will be done under the trust fund shipping point agreement while in the other States the work will be handled under the regular cooperative Federal-State shipping point agreements.

A transfer of funds is being made to the Federal Inspection Service, which in turn will reimburse the cooperating party in each State for expenses which it has incurred in the administration of the program. This will include the salaries and expenses of the inspectors for the time which they will devote to this particular line of work and necessary supplies.

The program will operate very much as the one which was in effect in 1937-38. It will be the duty of the inspectors to determine the quantity diverted. This will be done by measuring each bin of potatoes which is to be diverted and computing the number of cubic feet which it contains. The total will be converted into hundred pounds by application of a conversion formula. In most cases the U.S. No. 2 potatoes will be mixed with culls. The inspector will determine the percentage of U.S. No. 2 grade or better potatoes and compute the total quantity which is eligible for diversion. The inspector will also supervise the dyeing of diverted lots so that they will not again be offered for diversion. This will be done by sprinkling the potatoes with a solution of methyl violet which is a nonpoisonous dye similar to that which is used in stamping the grade on meat.

A considerable part of this diversion work will be done by the regular/^{licensed} potato inspectors but in most areas it will probably be necessary to employ some additional inspectors for this particular line of work.

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES:

The following new employees, who recently took the inspection training at Chicago, are now stationed as follows: Minton C. Erickson, New York City office; Lester Francis and Earl L. Biddick, Chicago office, and effective March 1, Walter Lurry at New Orleans. He will later move to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he will assist W.W. Anderson, who is now in charge of the shipping point inspection work in that State.

Roy Jahr has been appointed as an Agent to replace Earl L. Biddick in the Minneapolis office.

W.F. Cox, after a period of leave, has reached St. Louis, where he is now in charge of the market news office.

R.C. Elliott, effective March 1, will transfer from the New Orleans market news office to the inspection office, replacing W.W. Anderson. David L. Smith is being transferred, effective March 1, from the Chicago market news office to take charge of the New Orleans market news office.

Alan K. Bredin, of the Chicago market news office, is now in charge of the Detroit market news office, replacing W.D. Hull who after a short period of leave will enter the Army as an officer in the Reserve Corps.

Effective March 1 the East Providence inspection office will be permanently closed. H.L. Geer, in charge, will go to Buffalo, N.Y., replacing D.S. Matheson who has accepted a cooperative position in North Carolina where he will be in charge of shipping point inspection work and handle some other marketing work in North Carolina. F.E. Kast is temporarily handling the work at Buffalo.

W.C. Hackleman will leave New York City on February 23, traveling to Washington, Atlanta, Norfolk, Charleston and Jacksonville, for the purpose of conferring with representatives of the Service and others with reference to shipping point inspection work in the southern States. He will return to New York City about March 12.

Effective March 1, the Fruit and Vegetable offices at Portland, Oregon, located in the U.S. Court House, will have the following space arrangement:

R.L. Ringer)
C.J. Hansen) Room 312-A.

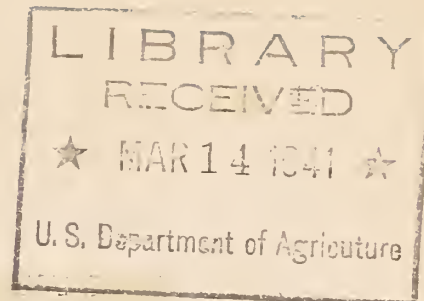
W.A. Hilgeson " 310.

R.L. Spangler will be away from Washington during the period February 19-March 16, visiting points in Ohio, Massachusetts and Maine, for the purpose of making studies with reference to the proposed revision of U.S. Standards for potatoes. Mr. Spangler will attend a meeting of the Mahoning-Columbiana Potato Growers at Salen, Ohio, on February 20, discussing results of the potato study made last year at Chicago as recently reported in the pamphlet entitled "Retail Practices and Preference for Late Crop Potatoes in Chicago and Suburbs and Quality Analysis of Potatoes Offered for Sale to Consumers 1939-40."

Between February 18-28, Wm. G. Meal will confer with shippers, representatives of the Service and State officials at various points in the States of Virginia, Georgia and Florida, with reference to the work of the Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Vol. 22, No. 5

March 7, 1941

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE

The new application for leave, Form AMS-51, must be completely filled out with the exception of "Approved" before the form reaches Washington. Particular attention is called to the certificate at the bottom of the form - this too, must be filled out by the applicant - except the last line.

2a. HELP LOCATE J.P. CARTHEN

Anyone able to obtain any information as to the whereabouts and business activities of J.P. Carthen, formerly of Carsonville and Columbus, Ga., is requested to advise H.A. Spilman, referring to PACA C-4566. Latest information in the PACA office is to the effect that in December he was hauling fruit to an Army camp in Columbus.

3a. ENCLOSURE

Accompanying this D.L. for each inspector and market news man is a 62-page mimeographed publication entitled "Carlot Shipments of Fruits and Vegetables From Stations in The United States, Calendar Year 1939."

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ANNUAL LEAVE

Reference is made to item 2b, entitled "Annual Leave" appearing on page 3 of the D.L. dated January 24, 1941. Each field and market station man was requested to furnish, at his earliest convenience, his preference for annual leave for the coming spring, summer and fall. First, second and third preferences were requested.

Thus far, only five replies have been received. If you have not replied, and wish to make vacation arrangements, please do so without delay; otherwise, it may be impossible to arrange relief assignments. Do not depend upon verbal statements - they may be forgotten.

B. C. Boree

- STANDARDIZATION & RESEARCH -

1c. CHANGES IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR GRAPEFRUIT, ORANGES AND LEMONS

The U.S. Standards for Grapefruit, Oranges and Lemons have been revised and copies mailed to all inspectors. The only change made in these standards is to provide a combination grade similar to that contained in the U.S. Standards for Citrus which requires not less than 40 percent of U.S. No. 1 and the remainder U.S. No. 2. It is expected that the Army will make purchases of citrus fruits on the basis of this combination grade.

2c.

Copies of short form for U.S. Standards for Fresh Asparagus, 1941 were mailed to each inspector with the Division Letter of February 21.

R.R. Pailthorp

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. WORM INFESTATION SPECIFICATIONS OF CANNERY TOMATO CONTRACTS

For the past two years some canners have included in their contracts with growers the following exceptions to the U.S. Grades which are the basis for these contracts:

"Except that tomatoes containing worms or worm damage which has penetrated beyond the tomato skin and into the fleshy wall or which have been injured by frost or freezing shall be classed as culls."

While the Federal Department recognizes the right of canners and growers to enter into any form of contract which is mutually agreeable, the inspection service has felt that this exception to the U.S. Grades is not only quite drastic but is also hard to apply because of the difficulty which an inspector has in determining what types of surface injury should be scored when he cannot tell positively whether a mere break in the skin was made by a worm or resulted from some other cause. The Campbell Soup Co. and the Heinz Co. were therefore approached by the inspection service with the request that they modify this exception to the grades to make it conform with a provision of similar contracts which were formerly in effect in Utah. This proposed exception read:

"Tomatoes containing worms or worm damage which has penetrated through the outer fleshy walls or which have been injured by frost or freezing shall be classed as culls."

The Campbell Soup Co. replied that while some of their contracts for the coming year in the Central States had already been signed, they would make the requested change in those in the Eastern States and make them all read as proposed in the future. The Heinz Co. advised that their contracts for the coming year were already signed but they would be glad to make the change for the succeeding year and that they were willing to have inspectors interpret this provision of the present year's contracts in a "common sense manner" which would give practically the same results as under the proposed wording.

As a matter of fact very little difficulty with worm infestation has ever been experienced in our cannery tomato work, many sections never having had any difficulty of this kind whatsoever. It is felt, however, that the proposed change in the wording of this exception to the grades will not only make more definite the actual intention of the contract between growers and canners but will also make it easier of interpretation by inspectors.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417
N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

3f. PLEASE DEDUCT FROM LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Toledo Produce Terminal, Toledo, Ohio \$4.00

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES:

The New Orleans offices of this Division are now located at 1402 Masonic Temple Building. Office Telephone: Magnolia 2713. This change should be shown on all address lists.

D.S. Matheson advises that his official address is now Room 303, Agricultural Building, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N.C. Office telephone No. 6611, extension 260. Mr. Matheson's residence address is 2100 Reaves Drive, Raleigh, N.C. Residence Telephone No. 2-3405.

E.P. Bostwick left Lakeland, Florida, on March 5, en route to Chicago (via Washington) to take charge of inspections of deliveries of canned foods for the Army, in the Chicago area, under the new Army purchasing program for the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year. The new Army purchasing program calls for inspection of canned food deliveries at point of origin instead of destination which has formerly been the practice of the Quartermaster's Corps.

Willard L. Harris has been given a temporary appointment to relieve Mr. Bostwick at Lakeland in handling the S.M.A. inspections of canned grape-fruit juice. Mr. Harris assumed duties on February 27.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE						
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* State cooperating

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JANUARY, 1941.

(L.C.L.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	2340	New Jersey	10
California	4446	New York	460 $\frac{1}{2}$
Colorado	947 $\frac{1}{2}$	North Dakota	1682
Florida	17959	Ohio	163
Idaho	4006	Oklahoma	1
Indiana	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oregon	2623
Iowa	14	Pennsylvania	124
Louisiana	285	South Dakota	22
Maine	3193	Texas	5248
Maryland	18	Utah	125*
Massachusetts	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	Virginia	251
Michigan	1275 $\frac{1}{4}$	Washington	3041-5/8
Minnesota	1006	West Virginia	34
Montana	22	Wisconsin	134
Nebraska	970 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wyoming	130 $\frac{1}{2}$
New Hampshire	2	TOTAL	50,633-7/8

* There were 543 trucklots aggregating 7,488,206 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Delaware, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: Arizona 75, California 271,

Idaho 77, Montana 8, New Jersey 17, and West Virginia 108.

In addition to the above, inspection was made in the following market for the

S.M.A. in the amount indicated: New Haven, Conn. 6 cars.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JANUARY, 1941.

<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>
Albany	16	3	Miami	0	11
Atlanta	34	22	Milwaukee	37	56
Baltimore	40	35	Minneapolis	19	27
Boston	147	422	Newark	20	26
Buffalo	49	62	New Haven	26	17
Charleston	-	8	New Orleans	65	75
Chicago	158	175	New York	564	667
Cincinnati	20	23	Norfolk	8	15
Cleveland	47	36	Oklahoma City	21	14
Columbus	35	18	Omaha	-	9
Denver	28	31	Philadelphia	68	69
Detroit	215	227	Pittsburgh	59	39
East Providence	8	35	Portland	22	31
Fargo	1	0	Rochester	11	11
Fort Worth	15	6	St. Louis	33	26
Harrisburg	1	4	Salt Lake City	1	1
Hartford	42	61	Seattle	26	9
Houston	20	58	Tampa	0	19
Indianapolis	8	16	Washington, D.C.	5	10
Jackson	0	1	TOTAL	1987	2473
Jacksonville	16	29	Total fees assessed for		
Kansas City	58	46	January, 1941, -\$7,663.99.		
Los Angeles	28	14	1447 cars inspected for Western Perish-		
Memphis	16	9	able Carload Receivers' Assn., N.Y.C.		

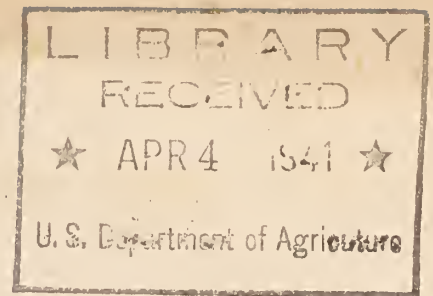
INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

January, 1941.

Cities	Navy	Veterans' Hospitals	Marine & Quarter-	Coast Guard & Maritime	Public Health & Other	Federal Agencies	Institutional	State County & City	Steamship Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,769	4,888
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,764	-
Chicago	-	8,975	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit	14,532	13,362	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	989,855	40,255	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	16,295	397,334	39,335	-	-	-	95,195	-	-
Memphis	-	16,037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	150,073	-	-	-	-	121,550	-	-
Newark	8,974	50,245	-	-	-	-	141,576	-	-
New York	208,156	127,837	39,603	60,220	217,623	9,255	1,562,264	848,310	-
Norfolk	2,892,598	-	-	3,878	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	369,370	87,339	35,478	-	-	-	270,349	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	31,818	-	-	-	-	44,974	-	-
St. Louis	-	33,855	853	-	-	-	213,387 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-
San Diego	1,392,133	-	578,291	5,252	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	2,849,483	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	1,344,835	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	433,162	-	29,893	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	38,122	-	-	-
TOTAL	10,519,393	857,130	723,453	69,550	217,623	47,377	2,765,838 $\frac{1}{2}$	853,198	-
GRAND TOTAL	16,053,352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Vol. 22, No. 6

March 21, 1941

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. ATTENTION PLEASE NEW OFFICIAL HOURS FOR WASHINGTON

Effective March 31, 1941, all Washington offices of the Division will operate on the following official time schedule:

Monday through Friday - 8:15 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Saturday - 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.

2a. EMERGENCY LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION EMPLOYMENT.

Authority has been obtained from the Civil Service Commission with the approval of the Acting Secretary for employment under letter of authorization, in the absence of eligibles, of certain technical and semi-technical employees in providing inspecting, grading, and sampling services to various national defense agencies, particularly the War Department, Navy Department, Veterans' Administration, and the Surplus Marketing Administration, for a period not to exceed 90 working days in any one service year, either on a calendar month or an intermittent basis, for the duration of the present national emergency but not beyond December 31, 1941. Field representatives must first obtain authorization from the Division Head in Washington before employing any persons under this authority.

This authority has been obtained specifically for the employment of certain technical employees; namely inspectors, graders, and samplers, and their semi-technical assistants, such as helpers and aids. In no instance and under no circumstances are clerks, stenographers, typists, or other persons who perform stenographic, clerical, or related duties to be employed under this authority. The responsibility of observing this provision rests with the appointee's immediate supervisor.

3a. DISPOSAL OF USELESS PAPERS

Accompanying this Division Letter, for each office in the field, is a set of instructions dated March 15, 1941, concerning the disposal of useless papers. There is also enclosed, for each field office, a list of papers which may be disposed of in accordance with the time schedule pertaining to each item. The instructions should be carefully noted.

4a. SAFETY, ACCIDENTS AND COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Under date of March 19, 1941, there was mailed to each office, for each employee, a booklet entitled "Right to Compensation for Personal Injuries of Civil Employees of the United States Under Federal Compensation Act of September 7, 1916, as Amended." To each officer in charge there was also mailed a copy of Administrative Memorandum No. 279 signed by F.J. Hughes, Business Manager, under date of March 7, 1941. Please read the Administrative Memorandum and accompanying booklet carefully. If you do not have copies of all forms mentioned in the Memorandum advise Mrs. E. Mills and the forms will be provided. This is to notify each office that, effective immediately, in the event of injury, the plea of "ignorance" with respect to available medical facilities under the regulations will not be accepted as justification for actions contrary to the regulations.

5a. ENCLOSURE

There is being distributed with this Division Letter, copies of an address delivered by John A. Martin, Chief of the Perishable Foods Section of the Subsistence and Supply Branch, Division of Purchases, before the monthly meeting of the Northeastern Vegetable Council in the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, on Saturday afternoon, March 8, 1941. The address is interesting - dealing with the subject of feeding the United States Army of approximately 1,500,000 men with approximately \$100,000 worth of fresh produce each day.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. MORE ACCURATE ARRIVAL REPORTS NEEDED FOR PEANUTS FROM VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA (Reply)

For nearly a year market stations reporting on peanuts have been asked to differentiate in their arrivals from Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee as between shelled and unshelled peanuts. No doubt local transportation agents have been requested to make this segregation because the reports are coming in to Washington divided as requested. The trouble is that for most of the cities very few cars in the shell have been reported, though during recent years fully one-third of the cars or carlot equivalents of raw peanuts shipped from mills in Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee have been of cleaned peanuts in the shell, according to reports from transportation agents at shipping points in the peanut producing areas. This discrepancy as between shipments and arrivals has been brought to our attention by peanut shippers.

One reason for the failure of the local agents to report all cleaned peanuts arriving may be that cars shipped from the large-podded area often contain both peanuts in the shell and shelled stock, with the latter in the majority. These may be reported to our offices as cars of shelled peanuts, whereas they should be described as "mixed Virginias" unless more than 90 percent of the car is of shelled goods. However, there are hundreds of straight cars of cleaned Virginias moving to consuming centers which apparently are being reported in error as shelled.

MORE ACCURATE ARRIVAL REPORTS NEEDED FOR PEANUTS FROM VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA
(Reply) - (cont'd)

All market stations reporting peanut arrivals are asked to contact the brokers and leading receivers of Virginia type peanuts in their cities and arrange with them for obtaining for several weeks reports of the cars of peanuts which they receive from the Virginia-North Carolina area, with the number of bags of shelled and unshelled peanuts in the different cars itemized. If you find that the local agents are not reporting peanut arrivals accurately, talk over the situation with the agent or the clerk furnishing the weekly peanut report to your office, giving the details as secured from the trade, and endeavor to arrange to have the peanut arrivals segregated properly in the future. Call the attention of the agents to the fact that mixed shelled and unshelled Virginias should be reported as "mixed Virginias" unless containing 90 percent or more of one class or the other. Let us know what success you have and whether the Transportation Section of the Washington Office can be of any service in improving your local arrangements.

2b. STANDARDIZE ON TERM "GOLDEN HEART" CELERY INSTEAD "GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING"

Change on MA page of code effective March 29.

Although the variety Golden Self-blanching still appears in celery catalogs, to an increasing extent during recent months market reporters have used the term "Golden Heart" for what is apparently the same celery. The celery variety authority of the Bureau of Plant Industry agrees with us that the term "Golden Heart" is preferable as being not only more descriptive but more appealing to the purchaser than "Golden Self-blanching." It seems best, therefore, to standardize on "Golden Heart" and that term should be used in your reports unless your local trade actually calls the celery "Golden Self-blanching" and seems to prefer that varietal term.

On the Celery (MA) page of the code, strike out the meaning for

AM Golden Self-blanching, leaving that symbol
blank, and place ** following

AD Golden Heart**

At the bottom of the Celery page add

** Decode as "Golden Self-blanching" when so described by local trade.

B.C. Boree

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-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN SHIPPING POINTS AND RECEIVING MARKETS

The following paragraphs are taken from a recent letter from Mr. E.L. Ruch, of our Arizona shipping point service:

".....We had very heavy rains every few days through January and February. This wet weather seemed to develop mildew in the fields and after careful survey at this time, it seems to me that 40 to 50 per cent of the total acreage has been lost. Some of this loss has been caused by bad hail storms in certain areas of the valley.

"At the present time we are inspecting slightly over 100 cars per day and this should increase to 200 cars a day by the first part of next week. The quality at the present time is fair with inspections running about 30% of the cars grading U.S. No. 1, 50% grading 85% U.S. No. 1, balance below. The majority of the lettuce here at this time that we are inspecting does not look as good as it is grading, as stock from mildewed fields has considerable brown or yellow leaves which have to be trimmed off, leaving the heads of ragged appearance. Also stock from badly affected mildewed fields does not have good green color and the heads are ribby and do not obtain the best solidity."

Information of this kind is very valuable to receiving market inspectors for it enables them to understand many of the conditions which they find in their daily work. It will also enable receiving market inspectors to keep shipping point supervisors better advised of the condition in which products from their States are arriving. A number of shipping point supervisors have at various times in the past requested copies of all certificates issued in receiving markets on products from their States. This has been considered impracticable but it is believed the same end can be accomplished by letters from receiving market inspectors calling attention of the supervisors to any unusual conditions which they have observed. A number of receiving point inspectors have been doing this consistently in the past but the majority have made no effort to assist the shipping point supervisors in this way.

Forwarding this kind of information from shipping points to Washington will frequently enable the Washington office to make suggestions as to how the unusual conditions reported have been handled in other States. It not infrequently happens that a disease which has been serious in a certain section of the country may not show up in serious proportions in other sections until sometime later. The supervisor in the State where the disease has shown up for the first time should have the benefit of the experience of the service in the other States. This can be accomplished only if the Washington office is advised promptly of the development of such a disease in a new area. In a recent case of this kind it was found that the grade interpretation applied to such a disease was not uniform with that which had been applied in a distant part of the country for several years and it was necessary to reverse a number of certificates on the product in question. This might have been avoided if the Washington office had been advised of the development of this condition and information requested as to proper scoring of the defect.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN SHIPPING POINTS AND RECEIVING MARKETS (cont'd)

In view of the benefits which should result from this interchange of information between shipping points and receiving markets it is urged that all supervisors advise the Washington office, in somewhat the same way as has been done in the letter quoted above, of any unusual conditions which prevail in the areas under their jurisdiction. Receiving market inspectors on the other hand should write direct to the supervisor in charge of the area from which products have moved regarding any unusual conditions which have been observed, copies of such letters being sent to Washington in the usual way. If the Washington office feels that such letters contain information of general interest to the service it will be included in the next Division Letter.

2f. PERCENTAGE OF U.S. No. 1 QUALITY IN LOTS OF ONIONS WHICH SHOW APPRECIABLE STAINING

The following paragraph is quoted from a letter by one of our regional supervisors in reply to an inquiry regarding the certification of the percentage of U.S. No. 1 in a lot of onions which contain considerable percentages which show appreciable staining:

"Reference is made to your letter of the 20th regarding reporting the percentage of U.S. No. 1 quality in a lot of onions showing appreciable staining. While technically it might be correct to certify a lot of onions as 95% U.S. No. 1 quality which contained 5% grade defects, plus 10% of onions showing appreciably stained, however, I think such a procedure is very unwise from an inspection standpoint and, in fact, I do not think it is practicable to report a percentage of U.S. No. 1 quality when a lot of onions shows more than a small percentage of appreciably stained onions. If there are no more than, say, 5% such ^{onions} it might not be very objectionable to report a percentage of U.S. No. 1 quality, but if there are more than that amount it is undesirable because if you deduct the percentage of appreciably stained you make the car appear of lower quality than it is, and if you do not you make it appear better than it is. I think the better policy is to refuse to give a percentage of U.S. No. 1 quality under such circumstances."

This article may be used as a guide in certifying lots of this kind.

3f. ENCLOSURE

An Index of Inspection Items in the Division Letters of 1940 is enclosed for each inspector.

Make the following correction in the Index for 1927-1935, page 26, Marking Cars at Shipping Point: change Mar. 4, 1929 3c to Mar. 4, 1932 3c.

4f. PREPARATION OF FORM 1044

In preparing Schedules of Collection, Form 1044, when it is necessary to list a check on two or more schedules, the total amount of the check should be shown in the column headed "Remitter" on each schedule, and the schedules cross-referenced in such a way as will show clearly that the total amount of the check has been scheduled.

5f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417
N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES:

The Seattle Office is now located in Room 228, Federal office Building. This change should be shown on all address lists.

H.L. Geer, recently transferred to Buffalo, N.Y., has located his residence at 341 Bedford Ave.

D.S. Matheson, of the Raleigh office, spent March 19-20 in the Washington office.

Grover Clyde, of the Milwaukee office, will be on leave March 31-April 12, inclusive.

C.L. Powell, of the Newark office, is on leave until April 7. The New York City office is handling inspections for that office.

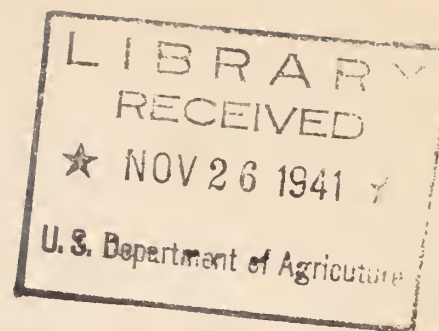
R.R. Pailthorp and W.E. Lewis are in Florida making a study of proposed grades for citrus fruits. Mr. Pailthorp will return to the Washington office about March 27 while Mr. Lewis will remain in Florida until about May 15.

Paul M. Williams has returned to his desk after a somewhat extended Western trip.

Fruit Commissioner, Col. Wheeler, of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, was a visitor in the Washington office on March 18-19.

John W. Dykes, in charge of the Los Angeles, P.A.C.A. office is now located in Room 296, Wholesale Terminal Building. This change should be noted on all address lists.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. LEAVE FOR MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE

A copy of Personnel Circular, No. 100, Supplement No. 5, concerning leave for employees called into Military or Naval Service has recently been mailed to each field office. Additional copies may be obtained upon request to the A.M.S. Office of Personnel.

2a. REGULATION 1543 "GIFTS OR FAVORS FROM SUBORDINATES PROHIBITED" AMENDED.

The attention of all employees is brought to that portion of the Regulations (Paragraph 1543) relative to "Gifts or Favors from Subordinates Prohibited" which has now been amended to include the following:

"No employee of the Department shall place himself under obligation to a subordinate employee by borrowing money, directly or indirectly, from such subordinate employee, or by obtaining the signature of a subordinate employee as endorser or co-maker of a note issued as security for a loan."

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

- 1b. CHANGE ON THE G (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) PAGE OF THE CODE:
Effective April 12.

On the G (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code change
the meaning of

GIQ cars billed to 9 p.m. to read

GIQ cars sold at private sales

This is being added for the situation at Hammond, La., where
several cars are being sold at private sales every day.

2b. MARKET NEWS FOREIGN MAIL

Information is desired with regard to material being sent out
from field offices to foreign countries on which postage is paid.
Please furnish a list of all such reports mailed under postage to
any foreign countries, with addresses. Also advise in each case
whether postage is paid by the Service or by the applicant. If your
office does not send any such mail to foreign countries please so
advise.

B.C. Boree

* State cooperating

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	J.B.Owens	Beans, Peppers, Potatoes, Tomatoes	April 9	May 29
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E.Keller	Apples Onions Potatoes	Nov. 9 " 9 " 9	Feb. 24 March 31 April 15
Hammond, La.	802	J.C.Keller	Strawberries	April 1	May 15
*Hastings, Fla.	851	T.R. Butts	Potatoes	April 10	May 20
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 1	June 12
Laredo, Texas	801	P.A.Nicholson	Onions	April 14	May 10
*Phoenix, Arizona 602 Security Bldg.	815	J.A. Hunter	Lettuce	Feb. 24	April 12
*Plant City, Fla. State Farmers' Market P.O. Box 449	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries Lettuce Celery Tomatoes Cucumbers	Dec. 23 " 23 April 25 " " " "	April 25 March 15 June 7 " " " "
*Presque Isle, Me. Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	A.L.Thomas	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 9 " 9 " 11 " 9 Oct. 7 Sept. 9 " 9 " 18 " 16	May 20 March 15 May 20 Dec. 26 Nov. 2 April 22 Nov. 2 Oct. 4 May 6
*Sanford, Fla. State Farmers' Market	910	W.J.Chastain	Celery	Jan. 10	May 24
*Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 21 Nov. 18	March 31 May 31

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 26	April 16
*Pompano, Fla. State Farmers' Mkt.	937	J.B.Owens	Beans Cabbage Celery, Potatoes, Peppers Green Peas Tomatoes	Dec. 30 Jan. 21 Dec. 30 " " " 30 Jan. 20	March 31 " 31 " 31 " " Jan. 16 March 31
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 3	April 5

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	J.A.Hunter	Cantaloups Watermelons	May 1 " 1	July 3 " 3
*Chadbourn, N.C.	805	J.P.Capus	Strawberries	April 23	May 20
Crystal City, Texas	867	E.R.Mead	Onions	April 24	May 23
Crystal Springs, Miss.	809	R.G.Risser	Cabbage & Misc. vegetables Tomatoes Potatoes Cucumbers	May 1 " 1 May 25 April 28 May 15	June 5 " 5 June 25 June 14 " 14
Mobile, Alabama	924	R.M.Fox	Potatoes	April 28	June 14

R.G.Risser will take some annual leave in Illinois en route from Idaho Falls to Crystal Springs, Miss.
The vegetable service formerly furnished from Bradenton, Fla. will be transferred to Plant City, Fla., and be continued from there.

OFFICE NOTES:

The Division Letter of March 21 was in error in announcing that J.W.Dykes, in charge of the Los Angeles P.A.C.A. office was located in Room 296, Wholesale Terminal Building. Mr. Dykes is still located in Room 294 of this Building.

Grover Clyde, in charge of the Milwaukee office will be on leave March 31-April 12. R.M. Ferguson will relieve Mr. Clyde during his absence.

L.G.C. Peirce, of the St. Louis office, will be on leave April 21-June 7.

H.L. Geer, now in charge of the Buffalo inspection office, advises that his residence telephone number is Riverside 4165.

R.H. vonGlahn, in charge of the Philadelphia inspection office, will be on leave April 7-12.

H.C. Erickson, who has been stationed in the New York City office, is being permanently transferred to the Philadelphia office.

D.L. Smith is now at New Orleans, Louisiana, where he has been placed in charge of the market news office.

W.P. Cudmore, Jr., of Denver, Colorado, has been appointed as a Jr. Marketing Specialist, and reported for duty at Seattle, Washington, on April 1 where he will assist with the market news work.

W.L. Lewis will attend a meeting of the Florida State Horticultural Society at Orlando, Florida, on April 15.

H.A. Spilman will leave Washington on April 4, to be absent until about May 15 during which time he will visit various points in the States of Virginia, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina, in connection with the work pertaining to the enforcement of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

During the period March 27-April 5, Dr. Alice L. Edwards conferred with representatives of the Service and others, at various points in the States of Mass., N.Y., Conn., N.J., Pa. and R.I., in connection with studies which she is making of consumer reaction to grade labeling of canned goods.

E.E. Conklin, of the Chicago office, will spend the week of April 7 in the Washington office conferring with officials of the Inspection and Standardization Services.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. INSPECTIONS FOR THE ARMY

A recent circular letter over the name of the Quartermaster General contains the following provisions regarding the use of our fresh fruit and vegetable inspection service:

"Carlot Inspection - Market Centers will, when practical require vendors of carlot shipments to furnish a Federal Certificate as evidence that the commodity meets the grade requirements under which purchased. Purchasing Officers will note on Purchase Orders the fact that a Federal Certificate has been obtained. Final inspection for quality, condition, and count will be made at destination.

Less than carlot inspection - Less than carlot quantities purchased from jobbers or commission men in principal markets will, whenever possible, be inspected at point of purchase. This inspection may be made by either a Market Specialist or a Department of Agriculture Inspector. An inspection certificate will be forwarded with the Purchase Order to the Receiving Officer at destination. These certificates will be evidence that the commodities have been accepted under the terms of purchase except for count and condition."

It is also provided that "In the event of dispute the findings of an impartial inspection by a qualified Agricultural Marketing Service inspector will be final."

All shipping point supervisors should call the attention of shippers within their areas to the advantages of having a shipping point certificate to accompany the other papers on shipments to Army camps. In the event that there is a dispute as to the quality of the shipment an appeal inspection should be requested by the nearest available receiving market.

It is highly important that shipping point certificates covering lots which are offered on Army contracts be accurate, for the standing of the shipping point service with the Army will be determined very largely by the degree to which they find that they can depend on these certificates to show the quality which is called for in their contracts.

The purchasing officers in the 30 designated markets, from which l.c.l. and occasional carlots will be purchased, have been directed to get inspections in these markets when practical before the produce in question is shipped to the neighboring camps. The extent to which these purchases will be made is yet to be determined. Without doubt the greater part of supplies for the large camps will be purchased under bid contracts and shipped direct to the individual camps, but it will be necessary to make some l.c.l. purchases in these markets and it is expected that they will be inspected by our inspectors at such points. The details of this work for the Army are yet to be worked out and additional instructions may be expected from time to time.

2f. CHANGE IN MINIMUM SIZE CANADIAN REGULATIONS GOVERNING IMPORTATION OF NEW POTATOES.

By order of Canadian Minister of Agriculture, James G. Gardiner, under date of March 25, 1941, the paragraph of the Canadian Export and Import regulations governing the shipment of potatoes from the United States has been changed to read as follows:

"(c) Potatoes shall not be below the requirements of U.S. No. 1 grade, Size A, according to the Official Standards for Potatoes, U.S. Department of Agriculture, provided that until August 31 inclusive in each calendar year a minimum diameter of 1 7/8 inches is the only size requirement for new potatoes."

Under the old regulation 1 1/2 inches was the minimum size requirement up to August 31 of each year. All shipping point supervisors and inspectors in markets which certify potatoes for shipment to Canada should base their inspections on the revised Canadian requirements beginning April 10, 1941.

It has been reported that some potatoes which have moved into Canada as new potatoes under the lower minimum size regulations are not really "new." In large distribution centers and borderline markets the inspector will not always be able to determine whether potatoes are "new," but no lot should be certified for Canadian shipment at a shipping point which is not at the time of certification shipping freshly dug potatoes.

3f. REVISION OF PARAGRAPH 228-229 - Part 1 - I.H.B.

Unpaid Bills: The following procedure should be followed with all unpaid fee bills except those issued to railroads, steamship lines, storage companies or other public service agencies. If payment is not received within ten days after sending out bill, send statement to and inform the applicant that the Government does not do a credit business and that this inspection has been made without demanding prepayment of fees as a matter of accommodation so that there might be no delay and that in return the courtesy of prompt payment is expected. If payment is not then received within ten days, send final statement quoting previous letter and informing the applicant that if payment is not received within the next ten days the bill will be sent to the Washington office for collection. If payment is not received at the end of ten days more send bill to Washington with copies of correspondence covering the same, and every effort will be made by the Washington office to collect the bill. In this connection if inspection was ordered by a broker with the request that the fee be charged to shipper or another party, a telegram or letter authorizing such a request must accompany the unpaid bill when sent to Washington. This will mean that no unpaid bill will remain in the field files longer than one month. In addition to the statement sent to the applicant the inspector should use the telephone and make personal calls upon those who have not met their obligations. The inspector will be held responsible for unpaid fees unless he has exhausted all means within his power to make collections.

REVISION OF PARAGRAPH 238-239 - Part 1 - I.H.B. (cont'd)

All unpaid bills outstanding, after the branch office has followed the above procedure, should be mailed to the Washington office. No bills should be held over one month, except those owed by a railroad, steamship line or storage company or other public service agencies believed by the branch office to be "good pay" but whose system of accounting results in delays. When such accounts are two months old the total uncollected on the monthly report should be marked with an asterisk and a footnote made, showing how much of this amount is two months old.

4f. IDAHO STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING GRADING AND SHIPMENT OF POTATOES.

Copy of an Act passed by the Legislature of the State of Idaho (H.B. 51) setting forth the various State standards and regulations governing the grading and shipment of potatoes grown in Idaho, was mailed to each inspector with the Division Letter of March 24 without having been mentioned therein.

5f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

F.G.Robb

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A. REBECCA BOWMAN

Just as the Division Letter goes to press we learn, with regret, that Mrs. A. Rebecca Bowman has suddenly passed away. Mrs. Bowman, since July, 1928, was a clerk in the Washington office of the inspection service. Prior to that date she held several temporary appointments in the Department.

In recent weeks Mrs. Bowman was making definite plans in connection with her forthcoming retirement which would have taken place within the next few weeks inasmuch as she would have reached the retirement age on June 14. Mrs. Bowman was an untiring and loyal worker in the office and in connection with her religious and charitable affiliations. She was also well known as an artist of considerable ability. Her quiet demeanor and lovely character made her a favorite with all and she will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Bowman is immediately survived by her husband and one son to whom we extend sincere sympathy.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING FEBRUARY, 1941

(l.c.l. 's reduced to carlot equivalents).

State	Carlot or Carlot equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot equiv.
Arizona	2842½	New York	407½
California	4806	Nevada	1
Colorado	653½	North Dakota	3178
Florida	12634	Ohio	156½
Idaho	3356	Oklahoma	8
Indiana	27½	Oregon	1992½
Iowa	3	Pennsylvania	208
Louisiana	214	South Carolina	10
Maine	2950	South Dakota	43
Maryland	42	Texas	4058
Massachusetts	41	Utah	50*
Michigan	1191½	Virginia	373
Minnesota	1788	Washington	2644-3/8
Montana	33	West Virginia	36
Nebraska	938	Wisconsin	156
New Hampshire	4	Wyoming	327
New Jersey	2	TOTAL	45,174-7/8

* There were 495 trucklots aggregating 6,998,020 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following report not yet received: Delaware.

Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: California 202, Idaho 56, Montana 98, New Jersey 30, West Virginia 96.

In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following markets for the S.M.A. in the amount indicated: Hartford 4, New Haven 14.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING FEBRUARY, 1941

Total		Same Month		Total		Same Month	
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections
Albany	9	9	Memphis	15	9	Albany	9
Atlanta	47	23	Miami	5	7	Atlanta	47
Baltimore	37	42	Milwaukee	22	22	Baltimore	37
Boston	132	261	Minneapolis	32	41	Boston	132
Buffalo	42	108	Newark	26*	34	Buffalo	42
Charleston	-	30	New Haven	19	12	Charleston	-
Chicago	132	144	New Orleans	65	75	Chicago	132
Cincinnati	10	38	New York	424	683	Cincinnati	10
Cleveland	46	44	Norfolk	10	19	Cleveland	46
Columbus	27	20	Oklahoma City	18	9	Columbus	27
Denver	30	26	Omaha	-	3	Denver	30
Detroit	211	253	Philadelphia	44	99	Detroit	211
East Providence	6	15	Phoenix	1	0	East Providence	6
Fargo	0	2	Pittsburgh	169	56	Fargo	0
Fort Worth	12	5	Portland	33	32	Fort Worth	12
Harrisburg	0	4	Rochester	7	5	Harrisburg	0
Hartford	43	34	St. Louis	40	37	Hartford	43
Houston	22	67	Seattle	19	1	Houston	22
Indianapolis	12	10	Tampa	7	2	Indianapolis	12
Jackson	2	1	Trenton	1	-	Jackson	2
Jacksonville	22	40	Washington, D.C.	4	21	Jacksonville	22
Kansas City	71	44	TOTAL	1886	2396	Kansas City	71
Los Angeles	12	9				Los Angeles	12

* Compiled from certificates in file.

1370 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.

Total fees assessed for February, 1941, \$6,906.33

Total last year \$9,180.75

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

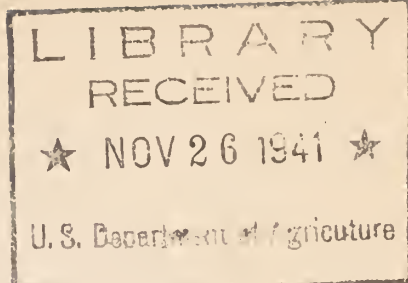
February, 1941

Cities	Navy	Hospitals	Veterans'	Quartermaster	Coast & Guard	Public Health	Other	Federal	State	Steamship
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,911	13,027
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	263,309	-
Buffalo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,850	-
Chicago	-	9,040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit	25,274	14,582	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	942,725	111,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	20,345	276,752	36,110	-	-	-	-	-	68,060	-
Memphis	-	17,987	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	115,793	-	-	-	-	-	-	119,181	-
Newark *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	248,888	148,467	47,577	56,146	190,641	9,170	-	-	1,462,060	672,407
Norfolk	3,158,981	-	-	3,037	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	715,019	50,118	27,755	-	-	-	-	-	304,831	-
Pittsburgh	-	32,873	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,080	-
Portland	9,920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	27,911	-	-	-	-	-	-	286,677	-
San Diego	1,355,498	-	714,831	4,157	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	388,514	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	231,030	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	523,827	-	21,919	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,574	-	-	-
TOTAL	7,620,021	805,373	848,192	63,340	190,641	48,744	-	-	2,569,959	685,434
GRAND TOTAL	12,831,704	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Newark not in.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. Observation of Local Regulations in Effect at Manufacturing Plants Engaged in Defense Work.

The following quotes a memorandum signed by our Department Director of Personnel under date of March 25, 1941, addressed to Bureau chiefs:

"In the various manufacturing plants throughout the United States engaged in defense work, managements, under the guidance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have promulgated certain precautionary regulations concerning visitors to those plants.

"It has been brought to the attention of the War Department by the officials of some of these plants that certain bureaus of the Government have not thoroughly cooperated in the operation of these regulations. It is represented to the War Department that agents of the Government, visiting defense plants, insist that the identifications issued to them by their own department are sufficient for access to the plant. While such credentials should be used for the purpose of identification, it is essential to the local security of each plant that all visitors comply with the local regulations.

"It is requested that instructions be issued to your subordinates, who have occasion to enter defense plants, that they comply with all local regulations in effect in those plants concerning the wearing of identification badges issued to them by the plants and the signing of pass registers of the plant."

2a. SUPPLIES AND FORMS SHOULD BE ORDERED WELL IN ADVANCE OF CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

Due to the defense program, which has greatly increased the volume of work in the Central Supply Section, as well as depleted its personnel, field offices are urged to anticipate needs for supplies and forms well in advance of current needs. The Washington office desires all cooperation in this matter.

Division Letter, April 18, 1941

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. FURTHER LIGHT ON REASONS FOR INACCURATE SEGREGATION OF SHELLED AND CLEANED VIRGINIA TYPE PEANUTS (Reply)

In par. 1b in the Division Letter of March 21, market stations reporting peanuts were asked to contact both peanut receivers and transportation officials reporting peanuts in an effort to properly segregate arrivals of Virginia type peanuts in the shell from shelled Virginias.

A reply concerning this matter received from Mr. Stiles of the Boston office brings out a reason for inaccurate segregation of the arrivals of Virginia type nuts which bears repeating, as the question at issue no doubt has equal application in other cities. Mr. Stiles writes:

"On taking up the matter with the reporter of the Merchants and Miners, the cause of the difficulty soon became apparent, and I believe this may also be the difficulty in our other offices. The report is taken from the boat manifests, which is practically a copy of the bills. On these manifests, shelled peanuts are billed as such, viz. 'SH' appears. However, unshelled are not billed as such, but as 'Jumbos', 'Fancys', or 'Extras.' The reporter did not know that these jumbos and fancys were unshelled, and thus reported them with the others, calling the entire lots 'shelled.' I do not believe a railroad reporter, or clerk, could be expected to be familiar enough with the peanut business to know the difference between shelled and unshelled, unless such was stated on the bills.

"While most of this unshelled stock is shipped in mixed cars, it will not be necessary for us to report 'mixed Virginias,' as stated in the Division Letter, as the reporter always furnished the actual number of bags, which is totaled with similar information from other lines, and included in the wire to Washington.

I believe this matter has now been rectified, and do not anticipate any further difficulty in segregation between the two classes."

Therefore, even though you have already taken this up with local transportation agents, branch offices reporting peanuts are asked again to contact the clerks making arrival reports, pointing out that "jumbos," "fancys" and "extras" are unshelled Virginias, and that any bags of peanuts so listed on their waybills or manifests should be reported as unshelled. If the clerks prefer to do so, let them report the number of bags of fancys, jumbos and extras separately, and the market stations can then add them before reporting to Washington.

FURTHER LIGHT ON REASONS FOR INACCURATE SEGREGATION OF SHELLED AND CLEANED VIRGINIA TYPE PEANUTS (Reply) (cont'd)

Instead of reporting cars containing both shelled and unshelled Virginias as "mixed Virginias" as suggested in the March 21 item, it will be better in the case of such cars to give the number of bags of shelled and unshelled Virginias separately so that the arrival report will be more precise. Straight cars of either shelled or cleaned Virginias can continue to be so reported.

Mr. Capus of the Philadelphia office points out the increasing activity of trucks in hauling unshelled peanuts, stating that during the past few years Philadelphia has received a larger proportion of its unshelled peanuts by truck than formerly. This is no doubt true with other markets also and emphasizes the importance of securing each week from the leading peanut brokers and leading receivers of Virginia type peanuts a regular report of truck receipts. This will add to the routine office work in obtaining peanut arrival reports, but in some offices may greatly increase the completeness of the arrival figures.

Let the Washington office know the results of your inquiries; and what arrangement you have made to obtain a complete record of truck receipts of peanuts, as well as proper segregation of unshelled and shelled Virginia type peanuts.

25. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS OF FIELD OPERATION

The following items may be omitted from the information furnished in field station confidential reports, as specified in the Handbook:

Item (5), Paragraph 499, entitled "Cultural Practices and Costs:"

The need for this information has passed for a while as we now have in our files sufficient information, it is believed, for current needs. It will be well to continue, however, that part of Item (h) under (5), relative to the kind of packages used. It is believed that a brief statement of the kinds of packages used should be included in each confidential report.

This will relieve each field man of a considerable amount of detail work which has been required for the past several years.

ENCLOSURE

"Wholesale Prices of Fruits and Vegetables at New York City, Chicago and Leading Shipping Points, by Months, 1940" is enclosed for each market news man.

B.C. Boree

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Probably</u>
<u>List</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Will</u>	<u>Close</u>	
Bald Knob, Arkansas	856-S	R.E.Keller	Strawberries	May 1	May 28
*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	J.B.Owens	Beans	April 9	May 29
F.E.C. Station			Peppers	" 9	" 29
			Potatoes	" 9	" 29
			Tomatoes	" 9	" 29
*Brawley, Calif.	933	J.A.Hunter	Cantaloups	May 1	July 3
Planters Hotel Bldg.			Watermelons	" 1	" 3
*Chadbourn, N.C.	805	H.F.McFeely	Strawberries	April 28	May 20
Crystal City, Texas	867	E.R.Mead	Onions	April 28	May 23
Crystal Springs, Miss.	809	R.G.Risser	Cabbage &	May 1	June 5
			Misc. vegetables	" 1	" 5
			Tomatoes	" 25	" 25
Hammond, La.	802	J.C.Keller	Strawberries	April 1	May 15
P.O. Bldg.					
*Hastings, Fla.	851	T.R.Butts	Potatoes	April 10	May 20
R.8 -Power & Light Bldg.					
*Lakeland, Florida	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 1	June 12
P.O. Box 191					
Laredo, Texas	801	P.A.Nicholson	Onions	April 14	May 10
Mobile, Alabama	924	R.M. Fox	Potatoes	April 28	June 14
			Cucumbers	May 15	" 14
*Plant City, Fla.	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries	Dec. 23	April 25
State Farmers' Market			Lettuce	" 23	March 15
P.O. Box 449			Celery	April 25	June 7
			Tomatoes	" 25	" 7
			Cucumbers	" 25	" 7
*Presque Isle, Me.	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 3
Federal Bldg.					
*Rochester, N.Y.	837	A.L.Thomas	Apples	Sept. 9	May 20
300 Terminal Bldg.			Cabbage	" 9	March 15
			Carrots	" 11	May 20
			Celery	" 9	Dec. 26
			Grapes	Oct. 7	Nov. 2
			Onions	Sept. 9	April 22
			Pears	" 9	Nov. 2
			Peaches	" 18	Oct. 4
			Potatoes	" 16	May 6
*Sanford, Fla.	910	W.J.Chastain	Celery	Jan. 10	May 24
State Farmers' Market					
*Weslaco, Texas	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus	Oct. 21	March 31
P.O. Bldg.			Vegetables	Nov. 18	May 31

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Grand Rapids, Mich.	895	R.E.Keller	Apples	Nov. 9	Feb. 24
412 P.O. Bldg.			Onions	" 9	March 31
			Potatoes	" 9	April 15
*Phoenix, Arizona	815	J.A.Hunter	Lettuce	Feb. 24	April 19
602 Security Bldg.					
* State cooperating					

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1f. REVISED STANDARDS FOR CREOLE ONIONS

Revised U.S. standards for Creole onions, effective May 15, 1941, have been sent to all inspectors. The requirements for the U.S. No. 1 grade have been changed slightly and the tolerance for defects increased from 5 to 10 percent with a provision for a tolerance for onions larger than the maximum size specified. U.S. No. 2 and U.S. Combination grades have been added to these standards.

2f. SEND COMMERCIAL WIRES TO OKLAHOMA CITY VIA WESTERN UNION

Mr. Landrum has requested that all commercial telegrams to the Oklahoma City office be sent via Western Union, which maintains a branch office in the Capitol Building. This will save considerable time in obtaining replies regarding cars inspected at shipping points.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, c/o B.P. Livingston, Division of Plant Industry, Montgomery, Alabama.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 M. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

4f. ENCLOSURES:

Circular No. 574, "Studies on the Raisining of Alexandria (Muscat) Grapes in Transit" is enclosed for each inspector.

Technical Bulletin No. 780, "A Physiological Study of Carotenoid Pigments and Other Constituents in the Juice of Florida Oranges" is enclosed for each inspector.

Standard Specifications for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (Edition of May 1, 1941) for offices inspecting for Veterans Administration Facilities.

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1d. A REMINDER

Revised U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Tomatoes became effective April 1, 1941, and all processed foods inspectors should now inspect on the basis of the revised standards.



5f. INSPECTIONS FOR THE ARMY

Up to the present time no general instructions have been issued covering inspections in receiving markets of supplies for Army camps.

In a number of markets Army purchasing officials have contacted inspectors in charge, stating that they expected to request inspections for adjacent camps beginning about May 1 and requested the basis of charges for such services. All such officials should be advised of our readiness to furnish this service and be informed that the charge will be on an hourly rather than on a quantitative basis. The hourly rate of charge has not yet been worked out but will probably be the average hourly salary rate for all inspectors who will be engaged on this kind of work. Further instructions will be issued later on this point. If inspections should be requested at any point before such instructions are issued, the inspections should be made as requested. A full record should be kept of the time required to render such services. This should be reported on Form F.P.I.-19 to the Washington office where the exact amount for which the Army will be billed will be computed.

F.G. Robb

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Office Notes

W.G. Meal will attend a meeting of the Melon Distributors at Cincinnati on April 25-26, where he will deliver an address on "Challenges to the Produce Industry."

D.M. James, Harrisburg, Pa., inspection office will spend April 22-23 in the Washington office for the purpose of conferring with officials of the Service.

Robert Bier is visiting points in the States of Va., N.C., and S.C. until April 28, supervising work in connection with the shipping point inspection service.

Paul M. Williams, during the period April 19-26 will visit points in the States of Md., Mass., N.J. and N.Y., for the purpose of making arrangements in connection with personnel required to meet the increasing demands for inspection of processed foods for the Army and other defense agencies.

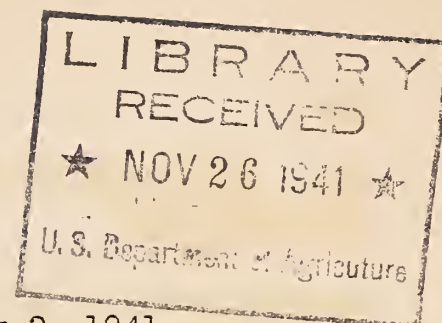
L.V. Bryant advises that his New Orleans residence telephone number is Uptown 8226-W.

John Dodds will leave Washington on April 25, to be absent for about one month, during which time he will visit the States of Minn., Wis., Mich., Ohio, Ind., Ill., Iowa, Ark. and Okla., for the purpose of making arrangements for the personnel required in connection with the establishment of continuous factory inspection work at various points within the area.

G.A. Crone has transferred from the Boston to the Philadelphia office where he will be employed on fresh and processed foods inspection work.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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May 2, 1941

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. HANDLING INSPECTIONS RESULTING FROM GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OPERATIONS

In view of the large increase in our inspection work on account of the various defense activities, we recently issued instructions stating that priority must be given to inspections covering deliveries of fresh and processed fruits and vegetables to Government agencies. When an office cannot give prompt handling to requests for commercial inspections, or finds it absolutely necessary to decline them, it should advise the applicants concerned of the reasons. Particular care should be taken to make a full explanation so that an individual affected will understand why he cannot obtain the service he desires. This is important as we do not want to lose any standing with persons desiring to avail themselves of our regular activities.

In handling inspections for deliveries to Government agencies we have an opportunity to build our work for normal operation in the future. Inspectors should remember that they will be requested to provide service in instances where the applicant has never called on us before, and in some cases it may develop that the distributor or processor does not even know what the Agricultural Marketing Service is. It is important that we create the best possible impression in such cases, and I think that this can be accomplished if the inspector will see to it that in introducing himself he makes it clear that he is a representative of the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. He should, if it is possible, meet a responsible official of the firm when he arrives at the plant or warehouse to make the inspections. The inspector should take along with him copies of forms which list our offices in which inspection work is provided for fresh fruits and vegetables and also processed foods. This will enable the inspector to develop a brief conversation with these responsible officials regarding our Service, and will provide the firm with a list of our offices so that it will know how it can secure inspections later if it desires. Of course, I do not need to point out that the fundamental rules of business courtesy, including a pleasant and helpful attitude, should be followed in handling these new relations. These are the essentials in dealing with the public and should be observed at all times.

In the event that an inspector finds it necessary to decline commercial inspections he should advise this office immediately of the circumstances so we will be in better position to understand the needs of each office in the assignment of inspectors.

W.G. Meal

2a. ACTIVITIES BY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WITH RELATION TO GENERAL FARM ORGANIZATIONS

Attention is called to an item appearing on page 9 of The A.M.S. News dated April 15, under the above title. While the Agricultural Marketing Service has always conformed to the general policy, as now requested by Secretary Wickard, it is important that all employees read the item in question.

Any office not receiving The A.M.S. News should advise the Washington office at once in order that its name may be placed on The A.M.S. News mailing list.

3a. INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT UNDER LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

There are being distributed with this Division Letter to all field offices, copies of "Personnel Procedure No. 1 - Amendment No. 1" dated April 29, 1941, signed by Mr. Hughes. This memorandum is entitled "Instructions Concerning Employment Under Letter of Authorization" and describes the recent requirement of the Civil Service Commission that all temporary appointees be fingerprinted, making it necessary to secure fingerprints for persons employed under Letter of Authorization.

4a. HOTEL RATES

The following quotes a memorandum signed by our Business Manager, Mr. F.J. Hughes, under date of May 1:

"Will you please bring to the attention of your field employees particularly, and Washington employees having occasion to travel to or in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, and Chicago, Illinois, the following rates quoted at the hotels indicated:

Kansas City, Mo. - Hotel State, \$2.00 per day
for single room and bath.

Chicago, Ill. - La Salle Hotel, \$2.50 per day
for single room with bath.

(I understand these rooms are regularly \$3.00
and \$3.50 a day.)

"The rate at the Hotel State was given to the representative of our Warehouse Division in that territory by Mr. Eldon Bishop, Assistant Manager of the Broadview Hotel in Wichita, of which chain of hotels the State at Kansas City is one. The rate at the La Salle Hotel was given to the Secretary-Treasurer of the USDA Club in Chicago by Mr. W.F. Whitaker of the La Salle, who requested that the employees of the Department of Agriculture be apprised of the fact that this special rate is given to Government employees. In order to take advantage of these special rates, identification cards are necessary. If any of your employees have occasion to visit these points, it might be well to make the reservation in advance and request the necessary identification card from the respective hotels."

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1b. CHANGES ON THE D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) AND PO (TOMATO) PAGES OF THE CODE
Effective May 10

On the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code change the present meaning of

DOR Spain to read
DOR Chile

This is the result of a suggestion made by Mr. Sutton of the Philadelphia office.

On the PO (TOMATO) page of the code change the present meanings of

IB 72s
IC 84s
ID 96s
IF 108s
IG 120s to read
IB 9 tops
IC 12 tops
ID 16 tops
IF 20 tops
IG 9-12 tops

This is to take care of the current method of quoting California flat crates of tomatoes.

2b. IMPERIAL VALLEY (CALIF.) CANTALOUPS

There seem to be quite a few uncertainties regarding the opening of the Imperial Valley cantaloup deal this year. Movement is running about a car a day at the present time on a pool basis, and, of course, there is a fair movement to West Coast markets by truck. This movement is from the brushed acreage and since plantings under brush are only about half those of last season, and the lightest in a good many years, it leaves the trade a little uncertain as to when commercial operations will commence. Generally, it is accepted that paper-covered plantings will start with the 10th of May, possibly a little sooner, since the weather has turned quite hot. The interim movement to the start of harvest from paper plantings will probably not exceed four to five cars daily.

Besides the 931 acres of brush-covered cantaloups this season, there are 6,246 acres of paper-covered and 5,613 acres of open melons. The total acreage of 12,790 this year compares with 17,635 last^{year} and 25,012 two seasons ago. Most of the shippers I have talked with the past couple of days look for the open fields to start around May 25th while the paper plantings are still in important volume since planting weather was beset with so much rain that getting early seed in the ground was a problem.

IMPERIAL VALLEY (CALIF.) CANTALOUPS (cont'd)

There is considerable talk of mildew in the crop, and some are rather fearful of a repetition of last year's situation when both yields and eating quality were adversely affected. I talked with the farm adviser over at El Centro this morning and received the impression that he thought they were unduly pessimistic since he thought the bulk of the Resistant strains planted would carry through nicely. He admitted, though, he had not examined many fields lately since little of a conclusive nature could be determined so early. Apparently this is another of the uncertainties that face the deal this year and it is a very serious one.

Besides the 12,790 acres of cantaloups this season, there are 3,068 of honeydews and 2,863 of honeyballs. A year ago 4,942 acres of the former and 3,523 of the latter were planted. This year's planting of honeyballs is reasonably in line with the general average of the past six years, but the honeydew acreage represents quite a reduction. Relatively, only a very small percentage of these melons are grown under cover, so it is unlikely any appreciable tonnage will move before the 25th to the 28th of May which is about in line with last year.

There is no f.o.b. selling at the present time. So far everything shipped has been consigned to New York and the trade rather indicates it expects this condition to continue until the deal gets into volume around the 10th. Buyers are beginning to arrive, however -- I have had five calls while writing this letter from fellows "reporting for duty." Most of them have an optimistic outlook on the season. They figure the reduced acreage is a strong factor and they think the buying power is in the country as evidenced by the way the Phoenix lettuce deal cleaned up and present carrot markets are operating. The two big uncertainties as they see them are, first, the possible serious development of mildew which would materially affect the future of the industry here and, second, the possibilities for cantaloup-eating weather in terminals. They believe the delayed start of the deal is going to do much toward guaranteeing a brisk marketing season since the seasonal demand will be timely to the volume. (J.A.Hunter, 4/28/41)

3b. TEXAS ONIONS

The South Texas carlot onion movement started on April 17 with one car each shipped from the Laredo and Coastal Bend Districts, although a few onions had moved to nearby markets by truck before this date. This first rail movement was three days later than the first shipments of the late crop of last year, and about three weeks later than normal years.

Shipments during the week of April 21-27 totaled 140 cars, making a total of 155 cars moved from South Texas this year through April 27, compared with 595 cars through the same date last year, and 2254 cars in 1939. The Laredo District rolled 115 cars of onions through April 27, while the Winter Garden area shipped 38, and the Raymondville and Coastal Bend Districts sent one each.

TEXAS ONIONS (cont'd)

The light movement to date this year has been partly due to recent cloudy and rainy weather. Rains were received in the onion areas on April 26 and 27 with a total of 6.31 inches of rain falling at Corpus Christi in this two-day period. Reports from this section (Coastal Bend District) indicate that the crop there is definitely injured.

Although shippers of onions from the Laredo section have preferred to roll most of their shipments unsold to date, a few cars changed hands last week on a cash track basis, with 50-lb. sacks of Yellow Bermudas, U.S. Commercial 70-85%, U.S. No. 1 quality selling at mostly \$1.75, with poorer quality stock lower, and a few Crystal White Wax of the same quality bringing \$2.25-\$2.40. Truckers are taking much of the White Wax stock at prices ranging from \$2.25 to as high as \$2.75 for a few best quality on April 26. (Paul A. Nicholson, 4/28/41)

B.C. Boree

J.H. CAIN RETIRES

Mr. J.H. Cain, clerk in the Atlanta market news office, is being retired due to ill health, after a total of 23 years Government service. Mr. Cain joined the Fruit and Vegetable Division in 1923, having transferred from the Division of Crop Estimates where he worked for a year previous. Prior to this employment he worked for four years in the Grain Division.

On Monday, April 21, Mr. Cain's office associates and friends in the Fruit and Vegetable Division, Warehouse Division, Feed and Seed Division and the Cotton Division, presented him with a lovely table-model radio and wished him improved health and future enjoyment.

The Washington office desires also to extend best wishes to Mr. Cain in his retirement.

Division Letter, May 2, 1941

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail</u> <u>List</u>	<u>In</u> <u>Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First</u> <u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably</u> <u>Will Close</u>
Bald Knob, Arkansas	856-S	R.E.Keller	Strawberries	May 2	May 28
*Belle Glade, Fla. F.E.C. Station	937	J.B.Owens	Beans Peppers Potatoes Tomatoes	April 9 " 9 " 9 " 9	May 17 " 17 " 17 " 17
*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	J.A.Hunter	Cantaloups Watermelons	May 1 " 1	July 3 " 3
*Chadbourn, N.C. Britt Bldg.	805	H.F.McFeely	Strawberries	April 28	May 20
Crystal City, Texas	867	E.R.Mead	Onions	May 1	May 23
Crystal Springs, Miss.	809	R.G.Risser	Cabbage & Misc.vegetables Tomatoes	May 1 " 1 " 25	June 5 " 5 " 25
Hammond, La. P.O. Bldg.	802	J.C.Keller	Strawberries	April 1	May 15
*Hastings, Fla. R.8-Power & Light Bldg.	851	T.R.Butts	Potatoes	April 10	May 20
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 1	June 12
Laredo, Texas 209 Hamilton Hotel Bldg.	801	P.A.Nicholson	Onions	April 18	May 20
Mobile, Alabama	924	R.M.Fox	Potatoes Cucumbers	May 1 " 15	June 14 " 14
*Plant City, Fla. State Farmers' Market P.O. Box 449	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries Lettuce Celery Tomatoes Cucumbers	Dec. 23 " 23 April 25 " 25 " 25	April 25 March 15 June 7 " 7 " 7
*Pocomoke City, Md.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May 12 June 14	June 10 July 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	A.L.Thomas	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 9 " 9 " 11 " 9 Oct. 7 Sept. 9 " 9 " 18 " 16	May 20 March 15 May 20 Dec. 26 Nov. 2 April 22 Nov. 2 Oct. 4 May 6
*Sanford, Fla. State Farmers' Market	910	W.J.Chastain	Celery	Jan. 10	May 29
*Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 21 Nov. 18	March 31 May 31
THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATE INDICATED					
*Presque Isle, Me. Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 3
THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED					
*Charleston, S.C.	858-R	J.B. Owens	Potatoes Mixed vegetables	May 19 " 19	June 14 " 30
*State cooperating					

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1f. SPECIAL SIZE DESIGNATION WITH GRADE ACCEPTABLE TO CANADA

A question was recently raised as to whether U.S. No. 1, one inch minimum carrots, would be eligible for certification as meeting Canadian import requirements. The answer is, "Yes." Any minimum size which is authorized by a grade which is eligible for export shipment may be certified as meeting Canadian requirements. "U.S. No. 1, one inch minimum," is just as much a recognized grade as a U.S. No. 1. The only grades which are specifically mentioned in the Canadian import regulations are those for apples, pears and potatoes. Grades for other fruits and vegetables are those "established by the United States Department of Agriculture" and any size minimum which will comply with the requirements of such grades will meet the Canadian requirements.

2f. U.S. STANDARDS FOR SLICING CUCUMBERS - 1941

Copies of U.S. Standards for slicing cucumbers - 1941, (short form) were mailed to each inspector with the Division letter dated April 18, 1941, without having been mentioned therein.

3f. WIRES REQUESTING REPORTS ON FLORIDA INSPECTIONS

Attention is again called to the fact that only citrus certificates are on file in the Winter Haven, Florida office and requests for information regarding all certificates covering vegetables and watermelons should be sent to the Orlando office, the address of which has recently been changed to 305 U.S. Court House and Post Office. This has already been called to the attention of all inspectors in two previous Division Letters, March 22, 1940, paragraph 1f, and December 13, 1940, paragraph 8f. Please see that requests for certificate information are sent to the proper Florida office in the future since improperly addressed requests not only incur additional expense of forwarding but also cause unnecessary delays in furnishing desired information.

4f. ONION SETS DO NOT REQUIRE CERTIFICATION UNDER CANADIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT REGULATIONS

Since onion sets are classified as seed under the Canadian Seeds Act and not as edible onions, Canadian authorities have advised that this commodity does not require our inspection and certification of compliance with Canadian import requirements.

Persons interested in exporting onion sets, however, should inquire of the Canadian Department of Agriculture at Ottawa regarding the import regulations under the Seeds Act.

5f. INSPECTIONS FOR THE ARMY

Reference is made to item 5f, appearing on page 48 of the Division Letter of April 18, under the above heading. For emphasis it is desired to repeat: "A full record should be kept of the time required to render such services. This should be reported on Form F.P.I.-19 to the Washington office where the exact amount for which the Army will be billed will be computed."

6f. SEND IN NAMES OF LICENSEES WHO ARE TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE SERVICE

The Quartermaster General's office has requested that it be furnished with the names of all of our licensed inspectors who are called to the service. It is their desire to use these men insofar as possible as inspectors of fresh fruits and vegetables at various camps. It is requested, therefore, that each shipping point supervisor mail promptly to this office the name, address, and experience in the inspection of fruits and vegetables of any men working under his direction who are to be inducted into the service.

7f. BRUSHED PEACHES AND OTHER SIMILARLY CLEANED PRODUCTS

Brushing peaches to remove the fuzz has become a quite common practice in most peach shipping areas but is not yet universal. In many sections growers haul home-packed fruit direct from their orchards to the cars, machinery not being available for defussing the fruit.

In view of these facts it is felt that shipping point certificates covering peach inspections should always carry a definite statement that the fruit has been "brushed" when this is a fact. It seems most convenient to make this statement under "Products Inspected and Distinguishing Marks" such as "Brushed Elberta peaches in bushel baskets etc." Such statements should not be made by receiving market inspectors.

Brushing does not necessarily mean that the fruit is thoroughly cleaned. If the fuzz is matted or the fruit is dirty or stained these facts should be mentioned under "Quality and Condition" even though the fruit has passed through a brushing machine.

The statement that peaches have been "brushed" may be made without question when the inspector is in position to make such a statement as a result of personal observation. If some of the peaches in a car are brushed and others are not, as may be the case when fruit is loaded direct into cars on sidings, it will be best to make a statement under "Remarks" to the effect that certain brands or marks are brushed if the inspector is positive that it has been passed through a brushing machine.

The same principle will hold in certification of brushed or washed potatoes, waxed rutabagas, and other products which have been subjected to similar cleaning processes.

8f. REVISED MARKET CIRCULAR ON PEACHES

A revised copy of the Receiving Market Handbook Circular on peaches is being enclosed for each inspector. This circular replaces the revised circular dated April 15, 1938, which should be immediately destroyed.

9f. REVISED SHIPPING POINT CIRCULAR ON PEACHES AND POTATOES

The Shipping Point Handbook Circulars on peaches and potatoes have been recently revised and a supply sent to each supervising inspector. If additional copies are needed they will be supplied upon request.



- 10f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION
For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, Masonic Hall, Foley, Ala.
" Arkansas strawberry reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean,
Van Buren, Ark.
" Mississippi reports wire K.W. Schaible, Crystal Springs, Miss.
" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.
" Tennessee " " " " " " Humboldt, Tenn.
" Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.
" West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Martinsburg, W. Va.
" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES:

Continuous factory inspection of processed foods was inaugurated April 15 at the Bercut-Richards Packing Company, Sacramento, California, with P. Hugh Zenor in charge. Mr. Zenor was appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist from Salem, Oregon. The Bercut-Richards Packing Company is one of the largest plants in California, packing in particular a large line of fruits and, in addition, asparagus and tomatoes.

John K. Simmonds, Portland, Oregon, has been appointed as a Jr. Marketing Specialist at Seattle, Washington, effective May 1. Mr. Simmonds will work in the processed foods office at Seattle under the direction of L.S. Fenn.

J.K. Boyd, of the Pittsburgh market news office, and J.J. Gardner, of the Pittsburgh inspection office, advise as follows: "On April 27 the City of Pittsburgh will again operate on Daylight Savings Time, one hour faster than Eastern Standard Time. Following the custom of other years, the hours of this office will be from 7 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time in order to conform with the change of hours in the wholesale produce district."

D.C. Beeler will go to Humboldt, Tennessee, on May 5, to assist with the supervision of strawberry inspections in that State.

A training class for processed foods inspectors is also being conducted in the San Francisco office, with 9 men in attendance. Information concerning assignments will be published in the D.L. at a later date.

OFFICE NOTES

On April 24 the Orlando inspection office, H.S. Flynt in charge, moved to Room 304-307 U.S. Court House and P.O. Building. All mail to this office should, however, be addressed to P.O. Box 1993. All telegrams should be sent to Room 305 U.S. Court House and P.O. Building.

A training class for processed foods inspectors, which opened in Washington on April 22, concluded on May 3. The twelve men in attendance were Civil Service eligibles and announcements with reference to their various assignments will appear in the D.L. at a later date.

G. Woodrow Liddell of Havre de Grace, Maryland, has been appointed as a Jr. Marketing Specialist and will report for duty at Fayetteville, Arkansas, on May 5 where he will open a processed foods inspection office.

W.L. Harris, a recent appointee, has transferred from the processed foods office at Lakeland, Florida, to Weslaco, Texas, where he is inspecting large quantities of citrus products for the S.M.A.

R.B. Landrum of the Oklahoma City office, has been exceptionally busy for the past two weeks inspecting processed foods for the Army at various points in the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

L.M. Billman, of the Washington processed foods office, spent the first few days of the current week making inspections of processed foods for the Army at various points in the States of Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

John M. Dodds is in Chicago, conducting a training class for processed foods inspectors. The class is being attended by 14 men, practically all of whom it is expected will be appointed from Civil Service registers within the next few weeks. Respective assignments will be announced in a later issue of the D.L.

R.L. Ringer left Portland, Oregon, on April 30, for various points in California, where he will inspect large purchases of canned fish for the S.M.A.

Fred S. Nightingale, Long Island, New York, has been appointed as a Jr. Marketing Specialist, and reported for duty in the New York City market news office on May 1.

Thos. K. Miller, San Jose, California, appointed as a Jr. Marketing Specialist, reported for duty on May 1 in the San Francisco processed foods office.

Maurice E. Downing, New York City, reported for duty on April 21, at Boston, Mass., having been appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, for duty as an inspector of fresh fruits and vegetables.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING, MARCH, 1941.

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot equiv.</u>
Arizona	6767	North Dakota	4043
California	2268	Ohio	89
Colorado	963 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oklahoma	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Delaware	3	Oregon	2109 $\frac{1}{2}$
Florida	13419	Pennsylvania	273
Idaho	3864 $\frac{1}{2}$	South Carolina	3
Indiana	16	South Dakota	36
Louisiana	467	Texas	4047
Maine	3196	Utah	25*
Maryland	15	Virginia	567
Massachusetts	25	Washington	2589-1/8
Michigan	1610 $\frac{1}{4}$	West Virginia	24
Minnesota	3944 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wisconsin	214 $\frac{1}{2}$
Montana	23	Wyoming	212 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nebraska	475 $\frac{1}{2}$		
New York	452	TOTAL	51,766-3/8

* There were 646 trucklots aggregating 8,982,605 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following report not yet received: Arkansas.

Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: Arizona 112, Calif. 209,

Idaho 19, Montana 51, New Jersey 8, West Virginia 73.

In addition to the above inspections were made in the following markets for the

S.M.A. in the amount indicated: Atlanta 1, Hartford 1, New Haven 16.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING MARCH, 1941</u>					
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>
<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>		
Albany	19	7	Milwaukee	27	22
Atlanta	43	19	Minneapolis	43	20
Baltimore	40	44	Newark	17	27
Boston	160	176	New Haven	4	7
Buffalo	58	85	New Orleans	67	65
Charleston	-	4	New York	768	548
Chicago	152	152	Norfolk	5	19
Cincinnati	18	22	Oklahoma City	23	8
Cleveland	59	59	Omaha	-	1
Columbus	41	32	Philadelphia	73	69
Denver	30	31	Pittsburgh	51	51
Detroit	224	280	Portland	33	53
East Providence	-	10	Rochester	13	13
Fort Worth	10	6	St. Louis	33	28
Harrisburg	3	1	Salt Lake City	3	1
Hartford	66	12	Seattle	27	5
Houston	4	10	Tampa	15	1
Indianapolis	19	7	Trenton	1	5
Jacksonville	22	23	Washington, D.C.	9	7
Kansas City	68	73	TOTAL	2296	2040
Los Angeles	8	20	Total fees assessed for	Total last year	
Memphis	22	10	March, 1941, \$8,970.19	\$8,342.24	
Miami	18	7			

1478 cars inspected for Western Perish-
able Carload Receivers' Assn., N.Y.City.

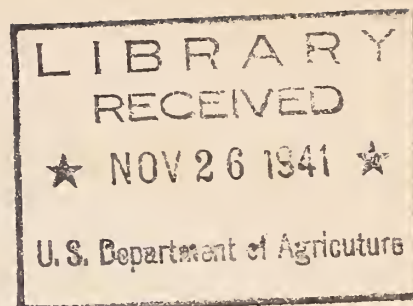
INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

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Cities	Navy	Veterans'	Hospitals	Corps	Master	Quarter-	Marine &	Coast	Guard &	Public	Health &	Other	Com-	N.Y Medic-	Federal	Insti-	tutions	State	County	& City	Steamship	Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,508	-	-	-	-	2,862
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	320,080	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,349	-	-	-	-	-
Chicago	-	-	5,602	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit	55,621	-	14,974	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	1,052,870	-	39,210	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	24,343	-	274,426	-	74,242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,166	-	-	-	-	-
Memphis	-	-	16,529	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	-	137,560	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newark	11,563	-	61,914	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127,434 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	-	-	-
New York	337,022	-	142,281	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	158,201	-	-	-	-	-
Norfolk	2,143,524	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	212,426	-	68,387	-	22,455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	265,203 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	-	31,621	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,430	-	-	-	-	-
Portland	10,275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	-	28,060	-	1,111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	422,135	-	-	-	-	-
San Diego	1,423,487	-	-	-	1,047,328	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	3,655,920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	321,005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	438,813	-	-	-	21,937	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	9,684,869	-	820,564	-	1,231,047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,941	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	16,354,105 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,446,561 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	-	-	-

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May 16, 1941

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. EFFECTIVE DATE FOR FURLOUGH WITHOUT PAY FOR MILITARY TRAINING AND SERVICE

See page 19 of The A.M.S. News dated May 1, 1941, carrying an item under the above heading. This is important.

2a. ACTIVE MILITARY AND NAVAL DUTY OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

See page 20 of The A.M.S. News dated May 1, 1941, for an item under the above heading. This pertains to "Regulations Governing the Extension of Eligibility on Civil Service Registers for Persons Who Serve in the Armed Forces of the United States."

3a. AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE TO PERSONNEL CIRCULAR NO. 84

Please see page 24 of The A.M.S. News dated May 1, 1941, carrying an item under the above heading. These amendments pertain to a Personnel Circular on the subject of Political Activity.

4a. LEAVE REGULATIONS

Copies of Personnel Circular No. 107, dated March 27, 1941, "Leave Regulations" are being distributed to all offices with this issue of the D.L.

5a. VOUCHERS SHOWING EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH GOVERNMENT-OWNED CARS

All Form 1034 vouchers showing expenses in connection with the operation of Government-owned automobiles should show, on the face of the voucher, the motor number of the car concerned, together with other pertinent information.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITION TO (F) SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS (CON'D) PAGE OF THE CODE
EFFECTIVE MAY 24, 1941

On SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS (Con'd) (F) page of the code add

FOY	Berwick, Pa.
FUJ	Menands, N.Y.

2b. WHAT WAS TOTAL NUMBER INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS SERVED WITH REPORTS DURING 1940
(Reply attention Miss Watt)

In the Annual Report of the Market News Section which is now being prepared, we desire to show the total number of individuals and firms served during the calendar year 1940 with reports of any kind issued by each of field offices and temporary field offices. This is not identical with the largest number on the mailing list at any one time.

The man in charge of each field office, and of each temporary field office now operating, is requested to furnish this information at once so that a part of the Annual Report may be completed. A few of the annual reports of office activities give such a figure, but in some of them the statement regarding the names on the mailing list is too indefinite for this purpose.

For temporary field offices which issued reports on only one product this figure can usually be taken from the M.S. 32s. For temporary field offices which issued reports on several products we cannot estimate the total number served as we do not know the extent to which there was overlapping of the names on the several lists. Every man that operated a temporary field office during 1940 which covered more than ^{one}/_{commodity} and is not now running is requested to look over any data that he may have retained and endeavor to estimate how many individuals or firms received reports from that office during 1940. Please avoid duplications. For example, if you have two plates for John Smith, Smithtown, Iowa, they should be counted as one name, not two.

3b. ARKANSAS STRAWBERRIES

This week, May 4-10, and next week, May 11-17, will be the peak weeks for the White County Arkansas strawberry deal. Growers and shippers advise that the week of May 18-24 will likely see final movement from this section, as other sections nearer markets usually shut off the cleanup of weaker fruit here.

Arkansas is harvesting a bumper crop of fine strawberries. Patches have been well cared for, with probably 95% of the acreage mulched with straw. Fields have been well fertilized and size of the berries is large. The set of fruit on vines is heavy. Thus, with increased yield, and acreage, a bumper crop is being harvested.

F.o.b. prices have been discouragingly low. Shipments both from Arkansas and competing States have been heavy.

This section is getting national distribution for their berries, with stock being billed by rail to such points as Butte, Montana, Bangor, Maine, and in Canada from Regina, Saskatchewan, to Montreal, in addition to a very widespread truck movement. (R.E. Keller 5/9/41)

4b. PREPARATION OF REQUESTS FOR ADDRESSOGRAPH PLATES

In Item 2b. of the Division Letter of September 20, 1940, instructions for preparing requests for addressograph plates were outlined. As a number of the market and field station requests are ^{not} coming in as indicated, the instructions are being repeated.

All permanent and temporary field offices now sending requests for addressograph plates (Form MS-15) to the Washington office for cutting are requested to use only the space in the center column under "Name and Address," leaving the left and right-hand columns blank. The name, street or R.F.D. number, and city and State, should each be on different lines, single-spaced. A double space should separate the individual addresses. Capital letters, no punctuation, and no indentations, are preferred on the request forms.

The following examples may aid in making the instructions clearer:

JOHN DOE
R F D 5
BALD KNOB ARK

WM B JONES
P O BOX 39
SANFORD ILL

J B SMITH
MACON GA

RICHARD ROE
c/o CENTRAL SALES CORP
1941 NORTH BROADWAY AVE
CARSONVILLE MICH

GULF STATES FRUIT CO
ATTN J B JONES GEN'L MGR
ROOM 19 SKYWAY TOWER BLDG
MOBILE ALA

ATLANTIC RAILWAY SYSTEM
F M WILLIAMS GEN'L FRT AGT
ROOM 41 SOUTH UNION STATION
BOSTON MASS

LIBRARIAN
MICHIGAN FRUIT COMMISSION
PUBLIC LIBRARY BLDG
LANSING MICH

5b. TEXAS ONIONS

Growers have been putting all available help to pulling onions, whether they were mature or not. This was to prevent the onions from absorbing any more moisture and starting second growth and decay. The sun, high temperatures and humidity have now caused considerable sun scald on those exposed. This condition exists on all varieties and the damage varies. On onions fairly well matured the damage is slight but on the others it runs fairly heavy. The Texas Experimental Farm had a few acres of Babosa pulled and they estimate their loss from 10 to 15% due to sun scald. The damaged onions have the appearance of being cooked on one side, being flattened from slightly to approximately one fifth their area. The inside, under the scald, has a cooked, watery appearance and in a few days becomes sour. It is doubtful if many of these onions will carry to market. The Federal-State Inspection Department has had to throw several shipments out of even a commercial grade account of this scald.

It is hard to estimate the damage to onions still in the ground because it is so spotted over the district. For example, shippers and growers in the Uvalde and Batesville districts report they expect from 55 to 70 cars now and before the rains they were expecting 150 cars. I am sure that the percentage is not this high over the districts as a whole but it might reach a 30% reduction in the total production. The loss definitely is known to be very heavy in fields with considerable grass and weeds.

The car loadings are not representative of the total onions moved from these districts this year. Up to the present time the trucks have hauled approximately 40% in some districts. Big Wells, for example, claims between 70 and 80% of its onions have moved by truck. The heavy switch to trucks this year is due partly to the quality and condition of the onions, especially the Crystal White Wax. Texas has raised the load limit on trucks this year and this has probably encouraged the use of trucks. Some trucks are hauling over 400 50-lb. sacks each trip.

If present conditions continue the deal should last about two more weeks. Nearly all the onions are ready to harvest but the shortage of labor will make it longer than usual. (E.R.Mead, 5/12/41)

B.C. Boree

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Stations	Mail List	In Charge	Products	First Bulletin	Probably Will Close
Bald Knob, Arkansas Collison Bldg.	856-S	R.E. Keller	Strawberries	May 2	May 28
*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	J.A. Hunter	Cantaloups	May 1	July 3
*Charleston, S.C.	858-R	J.B. Owens	Watermelons	" 1	" 3
			Potatoes	May 19	June 14
			Mixed vegetables	" 19	" 30
Crystal Springs, Miss. P.O. Box 168, City Hall Bldg.	809	R.G. Risser	Cabbage and Misc. vegetables	May 1	June 5
			Tomatoes	" 1	" 5
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 1	June 12
Mobile, Alabama 312 Staples-Pake Bldg.	924	R.M. Fox	Potatoes	May 1	June 14
*Plant City, Fla. State Farmers' Market P.O. Box 449	850	R.H. Peterson	Cucumbers	" 15	" 14
			Strawberries	Dec. 23	April 25
			Lettuce	" 23	March 15
			Celery	April 25	June 7
			Tomatoes	" 25	" 7
			Cucumbers	" 25	" 7
*Pocomoke City, Md.	878	S.W. Russell	Strawberries	May 12	June 10
			Potatoes	June 14	July 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	A.L. Thomas	Apples	Sept. 9	May 20
			Cabbage	" 9	March 15
			Carrots	" 11	May 20
			Celery	" 9	Dec. 26
			Grapes	Oct. 7	Nov. 2
			Onions	Sept. 9	April 22
			Pears	" 9	Nov. 2
			Peaches	" 18	Oct. 4
			Potatoes	" 16	May 5
*Sanford, Fla. State Farmers' Market	910	W.J. Chastain	Celery	Jan. 10	May 29
*Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus	Oct. 21	March 31
			Vegetables	Nov. 18	May 31

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Belle Glade, Fla. F.E.C. Station	937	J.B. Owens	Beans	April 9	May 24
			Peppers	" 9	" 24
			Potatoes	" 9	" 24
			Tomatoes	" 9	" 24
*Chadbourn, N.C. Britt Bldg.	805	H.F. McFeely	Strawberries	April 28	May 24
Crystal City, Texas Missouri-Pacific Station	867	E.R. Mead	Onions	May 2	May 29
Hammond, La. P.O. Bldg.	803	J.C. Keller	Strawberries	April 1	May 13
*Hastings, Fla. R. 8-Power & Light Bldg.	851	T.R. Butts	Potatoes	April 10	May 23
Laredo, Texas 209 Hamilton Hotel Bldg.	801	P.A. Nicholson	Onions	April 18	May 24

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Gainesville, Fla.	832	R.M. Peterson	Watermelons	June 11	June 20
Jacksonville, Texas	811	R.E. Winfrey	Tomatoes	June 9	July 3
*Leesburg, Fla.	912	R.M. Peterson	Watermelons	June 5	June 10
Macon, Ga.	833	R.E. Keller	Peaches	June 5	July 25
*Washington, N.C.	926	J.C. Keller	Potatoes	June 2	June 30

*State cooperating

J.C. Keller on leave.

H.F. McFeely returns to his permanent headquarters at Philadelphia.

E.R. Mead returns to his permanent headquarters at Chicago.

T.R. Butts returns to his permanent headquarters at Cleveland.

P.A. Nicholson proceeds to St. Louis to relieve Mr. Cox for annual leave.

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. COMMENTS ON SPRING CANNED SPINACH PACK IN CALIFORNIA FOR THE INFORMATION OF PROCESSED FOODS INSPECTORS

The following comments by Mr. Beasley on the spring canned spinach pack in California are interesting and should be borne in mind when inspecting any samples of California spinach which may be presented to any of our grading offices:

"Spinach in California took an awful weather beating this year and there is a wild scramble to find enough 'Fancy Spinach' to fill the demand.

"Some of the spinach samples leave the impression of Fancy but close scrutiny will bring to the surface the difficulty which seems in most instances to be pieces of grass, some grit, discolored leaves, and discolored stems in quantities too much to deserve a score above standard under the factor of defects.

"It might be well to advise all offices to keep both their eyes and ears open."

2d. U.S. INSPECTION AND GRADING - A NEW FACTOR IN THE FOOD INDUSTRIES

With this issue of the Division Letter a 31-page brochure - "U.S. Inspection and Grading - A New Factor in the Food Industries" - is enclosed for each inspector. This brochure is a separate from the May, 1941 issue of "Food Industries," an outstanding publication in the food field published by the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, New York, New York. The inspectors will doubtlessly find much interesting information relative to the continuous factory inspection experiment, which is still in an experimental stage. It is suggested that each inspector familiarize himself with this development in order that he may be able to answer questions that may arise.

3d. NEW HANDBOOK (CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES)

All inspectors handling canned fruits and vegetables will be forwarded within the next few days five chapters of the new Handbook for Inspectors. These chapters will supersede the chapters with which the inspectors are now equipped and will be sent in a binder, receipt of which must be acknowledged. Inspectors will be expected to follow the instructions contained therein in detail. It is suggested, therefore, that each inspector immediately familiarize himself in minute detail with the contents of the five chapters.

There will follow handbook chapters relating to the grading of the specific items just as rapidly as they can be prepared and mimeographed. These are also to be followed in strictest detail when grading.

4d. CONTINUOUS FACTORY INSPECTION EXPERIMENT AND LABELING OF CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN TERMS OF U.S. STANDARDS

Each inspector is being sent a mimeographed circular entitled "Continuous Factory Inspection Experiment and Labeling of Canned Fruits and Vegetables in Terms of U.S. Standards." Each inspector should carefully review the various questions and answers in this publication as he will doubtlessly be called upon to answer questions of this nature in the future.

5d. ATTENTION - PROCESSED FOODS INSPECTORS

All processed foods inspectors should read item 1f. appearing on page 67 of this Division Letter.

Paul M. Williams

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. OVER-ALL TRUST FUND AGREEMENTS

Identical trust fund agreements have been entered into by the Agricultural Marketing Service with practically all of the States with which the Service now has cooperative agreements covering inspection work of any kind. It is the purpose of these agreements to permit the making of inspections of products purchased by any Federal Agency under specifications that require the vendor to pay the cost of inspection. Large quantities of canned goods, dried and evaporated milk, cheese, macaroni and other products are being purchased by the Government at the present time under such inspection requirements.

It is likely that purchases of fresh fruits and vegetables by the Army, under contracts which specify that the vendor shall pay the cost of inspection, will be the only work of this kind done by the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection service in the near future. The processed foods inspectors are now inspecting various lines of canned goods and dried fruits under these agreements.

The fees for inspections under any one of these agreements are to be collected from the vendors, like any other inspection fees, and scheduled separately on Standard Form No. 1044. In scheduling fees for fresh fruit and vegetable inspections, there should appear in the column headed "Detail Description of Purpose for Which Collections Were Received" (following the usual description) the words: "Contract No. AMS-1200." In the column headed "Fund to be Credited" should appear: "Deposit of fees, Inspection and Grading of Farm Products. 128012.1200. Project 99-1502-99."

Schedules for processed foods inspections should be in accordance with the above - except - the Project No. should be 99-1503-99.

2f. PLACE PRINTING ORDERS SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF NEED

All shipping point supervisors are advised that it takes approximately six months to get through a printing order of certificates. Orders should therefore be placed at least this long in advance. Supervisors who are handling deals which last for only two or three months should give particular attention to this matter and at the close of a deal should place orders for the certificates which will likely be needed during the next year.

3f. SEND IN NAMES OF LICENSEES WHO ARE TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE SERVICE

In further reference to paragraph 6f, page 56 of Division Letter of May 2, only the names of those licensees who have been definitely advised of the exact or approximate date when they will be inducted into the service should be sent to the Washington office. Their addresses and experience should also be given as requested in the last Division Letter.

4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama.

" Arkansas strawberry reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Ark.

" Indiana " " J.E. Dickerson, 517 Federal Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

" Kentucky " " " Federal-State Inspection Service, Oxford Hotel, Paducah, Ky.

" Mississippi reports " K.W. Schaible, Crystal Springs, Miss.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

" South Carolina reports wire T.A. Cole, c/o Chamber of Commerce, Charleston, S.C.

" Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tenn.

" Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Cape Charles, Va.

5f. INSERT FOR THE FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND HONEY ACT. (Canadian)

Copies of the above, signed by James G. Gardiner, Minister of Canadian Agriculture, were mailed to each inspector with the Division Letter of May 2, 1941, without having been mentioned therein.

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES:

R.C. Hastings advises that his Fargo, N.D. residence address is now 1612 Ninth Street, South.

Fred W. Luffman has temporarily closed the Miami, Florida, office and will go to Jacksonville, Florida, (via Winter Haven and Orlando) where he will relieve John L. Ebert, who will be on leave during the period May 26-June 23.

Fain G. Cesar, of the Tulsa Oklahoma, inspection office advises that his Post Office Box number is now 1911.

A processed foods office will open in the Terminal Building, Rochester, New York, on or about May 22, with George W. Goddard, a new appointee, in charge. This office will be operated under a trust fund cooperative agreement with the State of New York.

The canning plant of the Owatonna Canning Company, Owatonna, Minnesota, has been brought under continuous factory inspection service. Stanley C. Rofsness, recently appointed Assistant Marketing Specialist, will be in charge of the work.

Another processed foods office has opened at Fayetteville, Arkansas, under the general supervision of R.B. Landrum. G.Woodrow Liddell, a new appointee, will be in charge of the work with Max Mergentime, also a new appointee, assisting. This office is located at 520 W. Dickson Street, Fayetteville. Post Office Box No. 81.

The Chicago and San Francisco processed foods training classes mentioned in the last issue of the Division Letter have been completed. John W. Dodds, of the Washington office, will conduct another training class at New York City beginning about May 26.

Continuous factory inspection service started May 16 in the canning plant of the P.J. Ritter Company at Bridgeton, New Jersey, with Ray C. Richardson, recently appointed Assistant Marketing Specialist, in charge.

J.B. Wright of the San Pedro inspection office, is on leave during the period May 8-June 14, with R.C. Lindstrom, relieving.

W.M. Morrison is visiting various points in Louisiana and Indiana, until June 2, studying proposed grades for various commodities, including Creole onions.

H.A. Spilman will be away from the Washington PACA office during the period May 21-June 30, during which time he will visit numerous western States in the interest of the PACA work.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. HOTEL RATES: HOTEL ADELPHIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Under date of May 22, Mr. F.J. Hughes, Business Manager, addressed a memorandum to the various Divisions as follows:

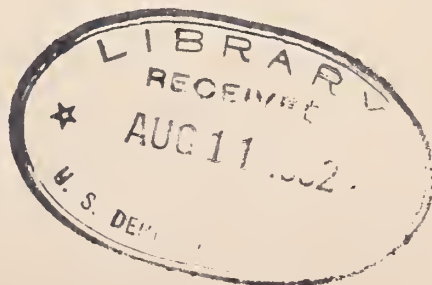
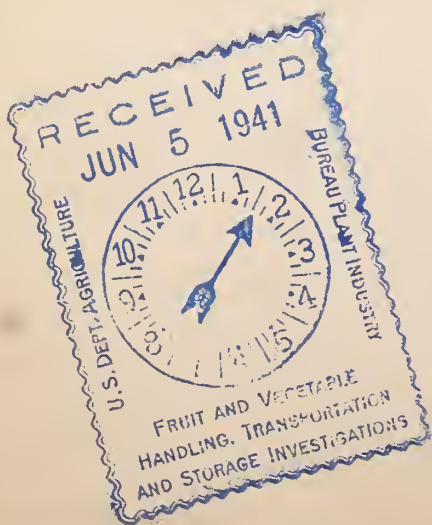
"We are in receipt of a communication from Mr. A.E. Zimmer, Assistant Manager, Sales, Hotel Adelphia, asking that we bring to the attention of our employees having occasion to travel to Philadelphia, the fact that a special courtesy card is available to Government employees.

"I wish you would bring this to the attention of your employees who might be interested. I would suggest that the special courtesy card be requested in advance -(direct from the Hotel Adelphia.)

"The Hotel Adelphia has quoted a rate of \$3.00 for a single room with bath."

2a. UNOBLIGATED FUNDS TO BE USED AT FISCAL YEAR CLOSE ONLY FOR ABSOLUTELY CURRENT REQUIREMENTS.

The attention of those in charge of field offices is directed to an item under the above heading appearing in The A.M.S. News dated May 15, 1941.



-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

- 1b. ADDITION TO THE JA-JE-JY PAGE OF THE CODE (Effective June 7)
On the JA-JE-JY (QUALITY, CONDITION AND COLOR) page of the code add

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2b. CHECK DAILY TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FOR COMPLETENESS:

The telegraph force advises us that almost every day one or more offices have either neglected to send market reports which have been requested or have sent market reports which the Washington office had discontinued. When the filing of reports is neglected by market stations the delay for a field office may amount to half an hour or more. This in turn may be serious when an early mail train has to be caught.

It is suggested that each office sending market reports to Washington, whether over the leased wire or not, make a daily chart of the material which is to be wired to Washington, both daily and less frequently, and check this off each day as it is sent. If this is done all the commodity wires requested will be forwarded to the Washington office regularly and none will be overlooked.

When the Washington office advises that a commodity can be discontinued it should be of course crossed off this list. Having a list of this sort to be checked off daily as material is sent should be effective in placing on the wire for Washington all material requested for that day and no more. As it is, offices sometimes continue for a week or more reports which have been discontinued by the Washington office. All messages relative to leased wire traffic should of course be brought by the telegrapher to the attention of the man in charge of the office.

A list of this sort may be helpful in some offices in sending the honey and peanut wires on time. Apparently some offices fail to think of the honey report until it is called to their attention by the Washington office.

When a market is requested to send a report daily it should be continued each day even if necessary to say "CUZUZ" or "CUHEK." Some of the market information requested is for offices operated by State departments of agriculture, and these offices may want a daily report even if nearby stock has been supplying the market for some weeks.

3b. MISSISSIPPI CABBAGE, SNAP BEANS AND TOMATOES

The movement of Mississippi cabbage is drawing to a close as carlot shipments pass the final for last season, but fail to promise an output equal to the record forwardings of 1938 and 1939. It is probably true that the reduction in plantings of tomatoes and peas has been somewhat offset by increases in the acreage of cabbage and snap beans, but unfavorable weather conditions during the growing season caused a good many cabbages to make seeders which curtailed the yield of shipping stock very materially. A liberal movement of cabbage by truck and some shipments in mixed cars must also be taken into consideration.

Neither yields nor prices of cabbage have been considered satisfactory by growers, the seasons average of both being lower than the ten-year average.

Crops have been needing more rainfall recently although there have been a few light rains which have been beneficial. Poor yields and low quality beans and an unfavorable outlook for the tomato crop have been caused by the moisture deficiency. Snap beans are moving in trucks, in straight cars, and in mixed cars with cabbage. Tomatoes are late. The peak movement is not expected before the middle of June. (R.G.Risser 5/27/41)

B.C. Boree

OFFICE NOTES:

John L. Buntin, of Orlando, Florida, has been appointed as Marketing Specialist (Transportation) to fill the vacancy created by the death of James G. Cross and will report for duty in Washington on June 2. Mr. Buntin has been freight agent in charge of the Florida territory for the Chicago-Indianapolis and Louisville Railway since 1935. Prior to that time he served in various capacities with the Chicago-Indianapolis and Louisville Railway and the Wabash Railway. Mr. Buntin has been engaged in railroad service since 1923.

Effective June 1, Walter H. Lappen, of the Philadelphia market news office, will transfer to the Philadelphia processed foods office. Daniel F. Maxheimer of Perkasie, Pennsylvania, is being appointed to fill Mr. Lappen's vacancy in the market news office.

The first of two regional market news conferences was held in New York City on May 24 and 25. Those in attendance were Wm. G. Neal, B.C. Boree, H.J. Clay, S.R. Newell and E.J. Rowell, from Washington, H.S. Stiles, Boston, W.E. Harrison, Baltimore, J.K. Boyd, Pittsburgh, R.L. Sutton and J.P. Capus, Philadelphia and E.R. Biddle, C.D. Schoolcraft and F.S. Nightingale of the New York City office. This conference afforded an opportunity to discuss various problems concerning market reporting and difficulties encountered in the work in general. It also resulted in the better coordination between the work of the various offices. The possibility of new work and the improvement of old work were discussed. It is planned to hold a similar conference in Chicago on June 28-29. It will be attended by most of the market news men in our middle western market news offices.

Raymond P. Melhart, Sumner, Washington, has been appointed effective June 2 as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, to assist with the processed foods inspection work at San Francisco.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	J.A.Hunter	Cantaloups Watermelons	May 1 " 1	July 3 " 3
*Charleston, S.C. 428 County Center Bldg.	858-R	J.B.Owens	Potatoes Mixed vegetables	May 19 " 19	June 14 " 30
Crystal Springs, Miss. P.O. Box 168, City Hall Bldg.	809	R.G.Risser	Cabbage and Misc.vegetables Tomatoes	May 1 " 1 June 4	June 5 " 5 July 5
Jacksonville, Texas	811	R.E.Winfrey	Tomatoes	June 9	July 3
*Leesburg, Fla.	912	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June 9	June 14
Macon, Ga.	833	R.E.Keller	Peaches	June 9	July 25
*Pocomoke City, Md. Peninsula Bldg.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May 12 June 14	June 10 July 30
*Washington, M.C.	926	J.C.Keller	Potatoes	June 2	June 30

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

Bald Knob, Arkansas Collison Bldg.	856-S	R.E.Keller	Strawberries	May 2	May 28
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*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 1	June 7
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Mobile, Alabama 312 Staples-Pake Bldg.	924	R.M. Fox	Potatoes Cucumbers	May 1 " 15	June 10 " 10
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*Plant City, Fla. State Farmers' Market P.O. Box 449	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries Lettuce Celery Tomatoes Cucumbers	Dec. 23 " 23 April 25 " 25 " 25	April 25 March 15 June 7 " 7 " 7
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*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	A.L.Thomas	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 9 " 9 " 11 " 9 Oct. 7 Sept. 9 " 9 " 18 " 16	May 20 March 15 May 20 Dec. 26 Nov. 2 April 22 Nov. 2 Oct. 4 May 5
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*Sanford, Fla. State Farmers' Market	910	W.J.Chastain	Celery	Jan. 10	June 7
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*Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 21 Nov. 18	March 31 May 31
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THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Gainesville, Fla.	832	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June 16	June 20
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*Phoenix, Arizona	815	R.G.Risser	Cantaloups	June 27	Aug. 6
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*State cooperating

H.F.Willson will take annual leave after closing Lakeland.
R.M.Fox will return to his permanent headquarters at Chicago.
W.J.Chastain will proceed to Crystal Springs after closing Sanford.

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. HANDLING INSPECTION OF DELIVERIES OF PROCESSED FOODS FOR THE ARMY

In handling inspection of deliveries of processed foods for the Army, it is requested that all inspectors state on certificates of grade whether or not samples examined meet the requirements of the applicable Federal Specification and of the contract, and omit the score range based on the United States standards.

It is also requested that inspectors issue certificates covering all rejections of processed foods examined at the request of the Army. In the event lots are rejected and the shipper is unable to offer acceptable merchandise, the office from which instructions were originally received must be notified by wire of the rejection and the reasons therefor.

Immediately after supervising loading of Army shipments and sealing cars, inspectors must place in the mail a copy of the certificate of loading directed to the destination post. In the event it is necessary, these reports may be made out in indelible pencil.

It is highly desirable wherever possible for the loading report to accompany the certificate to the destination post. In the event it is not possible to get the certificate out in time, always place the loading report in the mail so it will reach the destination post ahead of the shipment.

2d. SUPERVISION OF CAR LOADING UNDER CONTRACTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.

In view of the very heavy inspection load this project is carrying it becomes increasingly clear that processed foods inspectors will have little time to devote to supervising the loading of cars of merchandise under contracts with Federal Government Departments, including the Surplus Marketing Administration.

Moreover, it may not always be possible for our inspectors to draw samples, in which event it will be satisfactory to use the Federal-State inspectors whenever they are available. In this connection the Federal-State Inspection Service may bill at the rate of \$1.00 for each single sample, \$1.50 where two samples are drawn, and 50¢ for each additional sample. In addition, they may bill for any expenses incurred in drawing the samples. These charges are to be included on FPI-19's as they are forwarded to Washington in connection with each contract.

It will be necessary for us to direct the loading of certain shipments, and to this end each inspector should be carefully considering the territory served by his office with a view to selecting strictly disinterested persons to act as representatives of this Service in loading cars. By strictly disinterested we mean retired farmers who may not be occupied at present, station agents of railway companies where the railway companies are willing that the agent serve in another capacity, or perhaps the town constable, who is sometimes available. Around almost any small town there is usually someone not gainfully employed who is physically able to supervise the job of loading such shipments as we shall have to care for. These men may be employed under letter of authorization as Agent (caf 5) 69¢ per hour (not to exceed 8 hours per day.) Agents will be allowed mileage from their official stations to the warehouses at the rate of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per mile.

SUPERVISION OF CAR LOADING UNDER CONTRACTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES (cont'd)

It will be the responsibility of each inspector who appoints such an agent to make absolutely certain that he is employing a man with character above reproach who has not been an employee of the canner or a grower delivering crops to a contracting canner, or in any way connected with him, blood relationship or otherwise. He must be strictly disinterested.

It will be the duty of the inspector to so describe the location of lots that are to be shipped that the Agent will have no difficulty supervising the loading of the identical lots originally inspected under a given contract.

In some instances it will be possible for the inspector to supervise the loading himself, and, of course, that is always preferable. However, in the event work is such as to preclude this possibility, the loading should be entrusted to a very carefully selected Agent.

Agents can be appointed under the station letter of authorization but cannot work longer than 90 days in any 12-months period. We believe that with the assistance of such men we can expedite the handling of the large volume of work which will confront us in the immediate future.

Loading report forms will be executed by these men, following the instructions which have previously been issued from this office.

3d. USE OF FORM F.P.I.-159

A supply of forms, FPI-159, entitled "Request for Inspection of Samples of Processed Fruits and Vegetables" has recently been sent to all processed foods inspection offices.

This form is to be used in connection with requests from agencies which may not be handlers of products in wholesale quantities but which may submit one, two, or several miscellaneous samples. In some instances in the past we have been requested to grade samples for organizations that desire to publish the results of our gradings. Occasionally samples from lots involved in disputes with other Government Agencies have been sent to our offices for inspection.

It may be necessary, because of the very heavy National Defense load this section is carrying, to decline to make some commercial inspections, particularly of samples of the kind I have mentioned. In accepting these samples covered by the written application form we desire the cans to bear the original commercial labels because we wish to check the label statements thereon in order to ascertain whether the requirements of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are met.

It is not our intention to require the "Request for Inspection" form to be signed by canners and distributors who frequently submit samples from their packs to our inspection offices for guidance in their operations. It will be necessary, in so far as possible to confine our inspection activities to inspections which are connected with merchandizing and we believe that the use of the form as I have indicated will help to accomplish this.

4d. MOLD COUNT TOLERANCE FOR TOMATO JUICE REVISED

The following memorandum which will be of interest to inspectors has been issued by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs:

"On June 17, 1940, the Administration announced reductions in previously established mold count tolerances for tomato juice, catsup, puree, and paste. Subsequently industry appeals from these reductions were received with representations that in spite of the utmost care in properly conducted plants occasional adverse conditions are reflected in mold counts somewhat exceeding the new tolerances.

"The Administration thereupon undertook an exhaustive appraisal of the situation. The facts developed justify the conclusion that in the case of tomato catsup, puree, and paste, it is not unreasonable to expect canners to meet the mold tolerance of 40 percent of the microscopic fields announced in 1940 and actions will continue against shipments when this figure is exceeded.

"In the case of tomato juice, the investigation indicated that under abnormal conditions beyond the control of the packer mold counts may exceed slightly the tolerance of 15 percent of the fields announced for tomato juice. In recognition of this possibility, the Administration will not institute actions against tomato juice on the ground of excessive mold count unless mold filaments are present in more than 20 percent of the microscopic fields. Adequate allowances will be made in applying the tomato juice tolerance to those articles which have been subjected to a homogenization process. Since the Administration is convinced that with more experience the industry can universally meet more restricted tolerances, the present announcement is subject to the qualification that it is set pending consideration of further reductions.

"Comminuted tomato products exceeding these mold count tolerances cannot be used as ingredients of manufactured foods such as tomato soup, spaghetti sauce, etc., since this would constitute adulteration of the fabricated food and render the latter subject to action."

Accordingly, the tolerance for mold in all copies of our tomato juice grades should be changed to 20 percent. The tolerance for tomato puree and catsup, of course, remains unchanged.

Paul M. Williams

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. MARKING REQUIREMENTS UNDER FOOD, DRUG AND COSMETIC ACT

For the benefit of those who may receive inquiries as to what marking is required on packages of fresh fruits and vegetables under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the following is quoted from section 403 of the Act:

"A food shall be deemed to be misbranded: * * *

(e) If in package form unless it bears a label containing (1) the name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor; and (2) an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents in terms of weight, measure, or numerical count: PROVIDED, That under clause (2) of this paragraph reasonable variations shall be permitted, and exemptions as to small packages shall be established, by regulations prescribed by the Secretary. * * *

(i) *** unless its label bears the common or usual name of the food, if any there be, * * *"

2f. SHOW TIME REQUIRED TO INSPECT REJECTED LOTS ON INSPECTION REPORTS TO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

The Veterans Administration has requested that our inspectors show on their reports covering various lots inspected for their hospitals not only the total amount of time required to make the inspection of the accepted lots but also the amount of time which may have been required to inspect lots which were rejected because of failure to meet contract specifications. The Standard Specifications of the Veterans Administration under date of May 1, 1941, provide that this extra time shall be charged back to the contractor in making settlement for the goods purchased. These Specifications also provide that if the inspection is made at some point other than the place of business of the vendor, the additional cost of travel will be collected from the vendor. The inspection report should therefore show such additional travel costs so the Veterans Administration can make the proper deduction.

If a rejection makes a second trip to the vendor's place of business necessary, the entire amount of time required in making the first trip and the inspection should be reported. If another lot is offered and accepted immediately following the rejection only the actual time required to make the inspection of the rejected lot should be shown separately on the report as requested by the Veterans Administration. A quarter is the smallest fraction of an hour which should be reported.

3f. ENCLOSURE

A supply of FPI-8, lists of fresh fruit and vegetable inspection markets. Previous lists remaining on hand should be destroyed.

4f. RATE OF HOURLY CHARGE FOR INSPECTIONS OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES

Beginning June 2 the charge per hour for inspections made to other Governmental agencies will be \$1.67 instead of an hourly rate based on the salary of the inspector. This rate is based on an average of the salaries of a number of men who are engaged in this kind of work plus a small amount for overhead. This charge should be made regardless of the salary of the man who makes the actual inspection and should be applied in the case of temporary employees as well as permanent.

This does not apply to inspections made under Army or other Federal agency contracts which specify that the vendor shall pay the cost of the inspections, for which the usual commercial fee should apply, but is to be used for inspections made for other Federal activities for which no local collection is made and which are reported to Washington on Form FPI-19.

It should be borne in mind that Form FPI-19 should be forwarded to Washington, regardless of whether the collection is made from the vendor under Federal contracts which specify that the vendor shall pay the cost of inspection or whether collection is made by the Washington office. On Forms FPI-19 covering collections made from the vendor a statement should be made to the effect that collection has been made from the vendor and transmittal on schedule of collection dated _____.

5f. SHOWING QUANTITY INSPECTED

Division Letter Article 5f of November 12, 1937 stated "It will in the future, therefore, be a general practice at all shipping points to show the number of packages in the car either as a statement on authority of the inspector or as 'loader's count' or 'loader's manifest.'" The new shipping point potato inspection circular failed to include this provision. This information, however, should be shown whenever practicable, both for the purposes of the certification of the lot in question and for statistical information which will later be obtained from the certificate.

6f. AMENDMENT TO RECEIVING MARKET INSPECTION HANDBOOK

A new paragraph to be numbered 117a reading as follows is inserted after paragraph 117, Part I:

"117a. In order to be sure that those who request information as to the results of shipping point inspections are entitled to the same, they should be required to furnish either written authority to receive such information from the shipper or to sign an application form which shows in what way they are financially interested."

7f. ENCLOSURE

Accompanying this D.L. for each inspector, is Technical Bulletin No. 770, dated June, 1941, entitled "Investigations on the Storage of Nuts."

8f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama.

" Arkansas strawberry reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren,
Arkansas.

" Indiana " " " J.E. Dickerson, 517 Federal Bldg.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

" Kentucky " " " Federal-State Inspection Service,
Oxford Hotel, Paducah, Ky.

" Mississippi reports wire K.W. Schaible, Crystal Springs, Miss.

" Nebraska " " Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

" South Carolina reports wire T.A. Cole, c/o Chamber of Commerce,
Charleston, S.C.

" Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt,
Tenn.

" Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Cape Charles, Va.

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES:

Effective shortly after June 1, Mr. H.L. Geer will be transferred from the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office at Buffalo to processed foods inspection work at Baltimore. Alex. H. Polster will go from the Detroit inspection office (fresh) to take Mr. Geer's place at Buffalo.

Harry Branch, of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office, New York City, is being transferred, effective June 1, to the processed foods office in that City.

M.W. Baker, of the Columbus, Ohio, office will be on leave June 9-28.

Frank M. Lyle, of the St. Louis inspection office, will be on leave June 9-July 5.

E.F. McKune, of the Denver inspection office, will be on leave June 9-30.

Effective June 2, Henry J. Richard, San Jose, Calif., is being appointed as a Jr. Marketing Specialist to perform continuous factory inspection work at San Jose.

Elmer P. Bostwick, who is engaged on the inspection of processed foods for the Army in the Chicago area, advises that his official address is c/o Quartermaster Depot, 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois. His official telephone number is Lafayette 5500, extension 428.

The official address for Mr. E.R. Thompson, engaged on continuous factory inspections, is c/o Schuckl & Co., Inc., Sunnyvale, Calif.

Harold E. Cunningham has been appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, reporting for duty June 2, in the Chicago fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING, APRIL, 1941.

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot equiv.</u>
Alabama	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nebraska	163
Arizona	4015	New York	306 $\frac{1}{2}$
Arkansas	13	North Dakota	1263
California	4833 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ohio	25
Colorado	415 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oklahoma	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Florida	14374	Oregon	1596 $\frac{1}{2}$
Idaho	3153	Pennsylvania	100
Indiana	2	South Carolina	93
Louisiana	2450	South Dakota	4
Maine	2132	Texas	3269
Maryland	3	Utah	18*
Massachusetts	3	Washington	1578-3/8
Michigan	1105	West Virginia	7
Minnesota	1288	Wisconsin	229 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mississippi	196 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wyoming	130
Montana	49	TOTAL	42,958-3/8

* There were 468 trucklots aggregating 6,282,695 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: New Jersey and Virginia.

Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: Arizona 118, California 168, West Virginia 26.

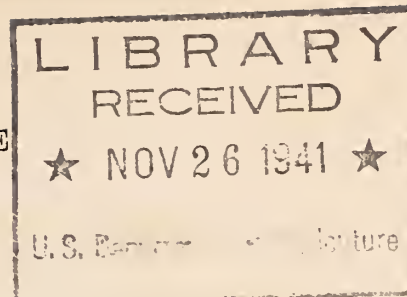
<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING APRIL, 1941.</u>					
<u>Total</u>			<u>Total</u>		
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>
Albany	10	19	Milwaukee	27	26
Atlanta	20	17	Minneapolis	46*	16
Baltimore	40	67	Newark	28	27
Boston	243	182	New Haven	11	20
Buffalo	67	125	New Orleans	94	82
Charleston	-	7	New York	821	515
Chicago	176	192	Norfolk	4	11
Cincinnati	29	33	Oklahoma City	14*	8
Cleveland	63	80	Philadelphia	107	102
Columbus	56	54	Pittsburgh	53	56
Denver	25	26	Portland	24	29
Detroit	259	362	Rochester	25	19
East Providence	-	16	St. Louis	53	45
Fort Worth	9	8	Salt Lake City	2	12
Harrisburg	3	1	Seattle	30*	5
Hartford	68	65	Tampa	2	0
Houston	14	154	Trenton	4	26
Indianapolis	16	7	Washington, D.C.	9	8
Jacksonville	19	20	TOTAL	2563	2522
Kansas City	51	63	Total fees assessed for		
Los Angeles	12	5	April, 1941-\$9,033.03		
Memphis	22	7	Total last year		
Miami	7	5	\$9,493.17		

1541 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn. N.Y.City.

* Compiled from certificates in file.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. VARIOUS REPORTS FOR MONTH OF JUNE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON PROMPTLY AFTER JUNE 30.

It will be appreciated if each field office will submit to Washington as promptly as possible, after June 30, all reports which are regularly submitted each month. This will enable the Washington office to proceed, without undue delay, in the preparation of annual reports, statements, etc.

2a. REMINDER - Do not forget to count and weigh the mail during July.

3a. TRAVEL ORDER - AMS-53.

Attention is called to the fact that a new form - AMS-53 is now to be used in authorizing the use of personally owned automobile for travel by assistants under Letter of Authorization. This form is to take the place of the specific letter as now prepared by the various field officers when authorizing their assistants to use personal automobiles for official travel. This form is to be issued in triplicate - two copies to go to the traveller, one to be retained by him and the other to be submitted with his expense account, the third copy to be retained in the issuing office. Copies are available upon request.

4a. EMPLOYMENT UNDER LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

When making employment under Letter of Authorization, it is requested that the Washington office be advised immediately the name of the person employed and the date of reporting for duty.

5a. OVER-ALL TRUST FUND RECEIPTS

CORRECTION: Reference is made to item 1f on page 67 of the Division Letter dated May 16, 1941. The figure 128012.1200 appearing in the last line of the third paragraph should be 128015.1200. Please make this correction on all copies.

6a. USE AND PREPARATION OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

The attention of all employees having occasion to use Government Transportation Requests is called to an item under the above heading appearing on Page 10 of The A.M.S. News, dated June 2, 1941.

7a. ENCLOSURE - "EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL DEFENSE."

Accompanying this D.L., for each office, is copy of a 22-page mimeographed bulletin with reference to employment provisions in connection with National Defense. This is in considerable detail and should be studied by all officials in charge of field offices.

8a. ANNUAL ENCAMPMENTS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

In accordance with the usual custom employees of the Department affiliated with the American Legion, the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and the National Association of Regulars, may be granted annual leave or leave without pay for the purpose of attending the annual conventions of these Veterans' organizations, providing that such absence does not interfere with the performance of the necessary work of the Department.

The dates of the respective conventions are as follows:

American Legion Milwaukee, Wisconsin	September 15-18, inclusive.
United Spanish War Veterans Omaha, Nebraska	August 17-21, inclusive.
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	August 24-29, inclusive.
National Association of Regulars Washington, D.C.	September 25-27, inclusive.

9a. "KEEP 'EM FLYING!"

Your cooperation is requested in the introduction and use of the new slogan "KEEP 'EM FLYING!" which is rapidly coming into nation-wide use as an everyday expression by persons in all walks of life. "KEEP 'EM FLYING!" is designed as an expression of felicity and high morale, and it can be used as a toast. It pertains to the wheels of progress of the whole National Defense effort, as well as to airplanes.

The campaign now under way is intended to popularize "KEEP 'EM FLYING!" to the extent that it will be used instead of such expressions as "So long!", "Goodbye!", "I'll be seeing you!", "Good night!", "Aloha!", "Down the hatch!", "How!", "Best of luck!", etc.

Thank you, and "Keep 'Em Flying!"

U. S. Army Recruiting Service.

10a. INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT UNDER LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

Accompanying this D.L., for each office, is copy of Administrative Memorandum No. 264, Supplement No. 3, containing instructions relative to employment under Letter of Authorization in excess of 30 days, but not beyond 90 days as provided in memoranda of authority dated August 20, 1940, and March 14, 1941. In view of a recent authority for the employment under letter of authorization of inspectors and graders whose salaries are paid from trust funds for a period not to exceed 90 days in any one service year and a similar authority for the employment under letter of authorization of inspectors, graders, samplers, and their semi-technical assistants, such as helpers and aids, whose salaries are paid from regular funds for a like period not to exceed 90 working days in any one service year, these instructions should be carefully noted.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITIONS TO THE MA (CELERY) AND SA-SI (WATERMELON) PAGES OF THE CODE
Effective June 20, 1941.

On the MA (CELERY) page of the code add

UH 14 inch

On the SA-SI (WATERMELON) page of the code add

SAD per melon

B.C.Boree

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-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. NOTICE

All wire communications addressed to Mr. E.P. Bostwick, in charge of Army inspections at the Chicago Quartermaster Depot, 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois, should be forwarded by commercial wire. The leased wire should not be used in addressing communications to Mr. Bostwick.

All communications and bills of lading covering shipments of samples to Mr. E.P. Bostwick should be addressed as follows:

	The Commanding Officer,
	Quartermaster Depot,
	1819 West Pershing Road,
	Chicago, Illinois.
For Mr. E.P. Bostwick	

2d. TRAVEL ORDER - AMS-53.

The form referred to under the above mentioned title, appearing on page 82 of this D.L., is particularly applicable in issuing travel orders to those who are to supervise the loading of specified lots of canned goods.

3d. LOADING OF SHIPMENTS FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Several offices have written concerning the Division Letter of May 29, item 2d relating to the use of Federal-State inspectors in supervising loading of shipments for Government departments.

Federal-State men should only be used where it is not possible for a strictly disinterested person to be appointed to supervise the loading.

3d. LOADING OF SHIPMENTS FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS (cont'd)

The frequent delays incident to labeling, setting of cars, etc., so often slow up loading that to use Federal-State men will seriously inconvenience the shipping point services. It frequently requires several days to supervise the loading of large shipments.

Nor are we justified from a financial standpoint in using men with such specialized training in supervising loadings.

Therefore, Federal-State men are only to be utilized when other suitable personnel is not available, and then only when the Federal-State service will not be inconvenienced.

Paul M. Williams

OFFICE NOTES:

Another training class for processed fruit and vegetable inspectors will be held in Seattle commencing Monday, June 16. The class will be under the direction of Messrs. C.H.Beasley of San Francisco and L.S.Fenn of Seattle.

About July 1, Mr. J.C.Bigger, now in charge of the Chicago office of processed foods, will assume the duties formerly discharged by Mr. L.M.Billman in Washington who is being assigned to the San Francisco office. Mr. L.S.Fenn of Seattle will assume charge of the Chicago office.

It is expected that Mr. C.E. Partridge in charge of the Lakeland, Florida, office will close that station about June 20. He will proceed to Easton, Maryland where he will operate the temporary field station this year. Ordinarily, the Easton office has been operated for but two months each year but it is expected to be operated probably five months this season.

Mr. George B.Crisp will conclude the continuous inspection assignment at Frostproof, Florida about June 30. He will proceed to Mt.Morris,N.Y. to take up similar duties at the plant of Curtice Bros. Co.

Upon the completion of his assignment to the plant of the Wegner Canning Corp. at Eustis, Florida, Mr. Lawrence J. Rasaka, in charge, will proceed to Sodus, N.Y. to take charge of the continuous inspection work at the Sodus plant of the Wegner Corp.

Mr. W.L.Harris, of the Chicago office, has been transferred to Indianapolis where he will assist on the processed foods inspection work.

Mr. John E. Dodds of the Washington office of the processed fruit and vegetable section will attend a conference of manufacturers of canned apple juice in connection with the National Apple Institute in Columbus, Ohio on Monday, June 16.

Mr. L.W. Brewer of Salt Lake City is inspecting several cars of canned tomatoes in Colorado points this week.

Dr. Alice L. Edwards attended the meeting in New York on June 12 of the labeling committee of the National Consumer-Retailer Council. A number of organizations are now cooperating with this agency in perfecting and improving their labels for canned fruits and vegetables by including grade statements and other appropriate information.

Copies of the address by Mr. Paul M. Williams delivered Thursday, June 12, before the First Annual Institute on Hospital Purchasing in Baltimore entitled "Institutional Purchasing of Processed Fruits and Vegetables" are being sent to all processed foods offices with this copy of the Division Letter.

"More Than They Asked For" is the title of an interesting illustrated article on the continuous inspection service published in the June issue of "Practical Home Economics."

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
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Crystal Springs, Miss. P.O. Box 168, City Hall Bldg.	809	W.J.Chastain	Cabbage and Misc.vegetables Tomatoes	May " June	1 June 5 1 " 5 4 July 5
Jacksonville, Texas 2nd Floor Federal Bldg. P.O. Box 670	811	R.E.Winfrey	Tomatoes	June	9 July 3
*Gainesville, Fla.	832	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June	17 June 26
Macon, Ga.	833	R.E.Keller	Peaches	June	9 July 25
*Phoenix, Arizona	815	R.G.Risser	Cantaloups	June	27 Aug. 6
*Pocomoke City, Md. Peninsula Bldg.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May June	12 June 10 14 July 30
*Washington, N.C. Room 5 P.O. Bldg.	926	J.C.Keller	Potatoes	June	2 June 30

*State cooperating

H.F. Willson - on leave.

OFFICE NOTES:

H.L. Geer is now in charge of the processed foods office at Baltimore, and A.H. Polster has taken charge of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office at Buffalo.

Mr. Polster advises that his residence address is 435 Tacoma Ave., Buffalo, New York.

R.C. Lindstrom will relieve S.H. Fountain, of the Vallejo, California, office, during the period June 16-August 1, while the latter is on annual leave.

H.M. Riley, who is supervising the shipping point inspection work in Georgia, advises that his official address is 703 Grand Building, Macon, Georgia, office telephone: 6772. Mail: P.O. Box 1077. His residence address is 367 College Street, Macon. Residence phone: 5944.

Earl L. Biddick, of the Chicago inspection office, is relieving L.G.C. Peirce, of the St. Louis office, who is absent due to a broken right shoulder recently received while in line of duty.

R.H. vonGlahn, of the Philadelphia inspection office, will be on leave June 30-July 19.

G. Ray Warren, shipping point supervisor in Maine, will be on leave June 4-June 21.

Wm. G. Neal will address the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Division, Appalachian Apple Service, at Hershey, Pennsylvania, on June 14, his subject being "The Marketing Problems of the Eastern Apple Industry."

Mr. Paul M. Williams addressed a meeting of the Hospital Purchasing Agents at Baltimore, Maryland, on June 11, on the subject "Institutional Purchasing of Processed Fruits and Vegetables."

Norman C. Healy, has been appointed as a Jr. Marketing Specialist, and is now working in the Washington Processed Foods Office.

Raymond W. Kohler, appointed June 2 as a Jr. Marketing Specialist, reported for duty in the New York City Market News Office.

George F. Homan, appointed June 4 as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, is assisting with the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection work in New York City.

Correction: Mr. E.P. Bostwick's official telephone number in Chicago was erroneously printed in the Division Letter of May 29 as Lafayette 5500, extension 428. The extension should be 52.

Earl M. Litwiller has been appointed as an Agent, effective June 6, and is now assisting with the processed foods inspection work in the San Francisco office.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. SEND IN NAMES OF LICENSEES WHO ARE TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE SERVICE

A further request has been received from the Quartermaster General's office to the effect that they be furnished the names of men to be inducted into the Army as far in advance of the date of induction as possible. This will enable them to have such men assigned to the Quartermaster Corps where they will be available for inspection service. After men have been definitely assigned to other posts following their induction it is very difficult to have them transferred in less than six months' time.

Where possible the draft number, local board number, and home address of each man should be furnished. It will be a great convenience to the Quartermaster Corps in securing the prompt assignment of inducted men to inspection work, to have this information.

2f. CORRECTION - Division Letter, May 29, 1941 - total inspections for the city of Minneapolis should have read 50 instead of 46.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama.

" Arkansas strawberry reports wire (Western Union) Lape Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas.

" Georgia reports wire H.M. Riley, 703 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga.

" Indiana strawberry reports wire J.E. Dickerson, 517 Federal Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

" Mississippi reports wire K.W. Schaible, Crystal Springs, Miss.

" Nebraska " " Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

" South Carolina reports wire T.A. Cole, c/o Chamber of Commerce, Charleston, S.C.

" Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tenn.

" Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Cape Charles, Va.

4f. ENCLOSURE:

Accompanying this D.L. for each inspector, is Technical Bulletin No. 776, entitled "A Comparative Study of Storage at 32° and 36°F. of Apples Grown in the Potomac River Valley."

5f. "WIRE SHIPPING POINT SUPERVISORS PROMPTLY REGARDING REVERSALS"

Another case has been called to the attention of the Washington Office where a Shipping Point Supervisor was not advised of a reversal and had to wire to get the information which was already in the hands of the shipper. This is very embarrassing to a Shipping Point Supervisor.

Let all inspectors take particular care to see that the supervisor of the State in which the car originated is advised of the reversal immediately after the inspection is complete.

F.G. Robb

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Vol. 22, No. 13

June 27, 1941

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. DO NOT USE PRINTED B.A.E. ENVELOPES FOR FRUIT & VEGETABLE DIVISION MAIL

Mail intended for the Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, should not be sent to Washington in envelopes directed to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The use of envelopes addressed to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics should be discontinued. Address all mail intended for the Fruit and Vegetable Division to the Agricultural Marketing Service.

2a. DELIVERY OF ORDINARY MAIL

We have been informed by the Post Office Department that the legends "Personal" or "Deliver to Addressee Only" should not be used on envelopes containing checks, since the delivery of ordinary mail is not affected by the use of such words.

In accordance with this advice, all Washington and field offices are instructed that, hereafter, such legends are not to be used on mail matter.

3a. DISPOSITION OF SCRAP OF CRITICAL MATERIALS

It is requested that field offices having any empty aluminum spools or scrap materials such as aluminum, brass, copper, zinc, etc., report the matter, from time to time, to the Washington office. Do not forward the scrap material. It should be held for instructions concerning its proper disposition.

4a. CIRCULAR LETTER REGARDING POLITICAL ACTIVITY FURTHER AMENDED

The A.M.S. News, Page 13, dated June 16, 1941, carries an item under the above heading which should be noted by all employees.

5a. RETIREMENT

Personnel Circular No. 91, Supplement No. 3, a nine-paged mimeographed publication, on the subject of Retirement, accompanies this D.L. for each office.

Division Letter, June 27, 1941

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. EXPORT STATISTICS

The Department of Commerce has advised that it will temporarily suspend publication of all detailed export statistics as to country of destination. Such information, however, will be made available to Government agencies on a strictly confidential basis. Public access to all export tabulations is being withdrawn. A letter has been received from the Acting Secretary of Commerce asking that we cooperate by taking appropriate steps to insure that such information furnished to us will be kept strictly confidential.

In view of the policy adopted by the Department of Commerce, all employees of the Agricultural Marketing Service having access to the statistics of exports by country of destination will hold such data in strict confidence. Any reports issued by this Service that have included such statistics should be revised accordingly. For the duration of the emergency they will not be available for publication or other general use.

B.C. Boree

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- PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE -

1d. MEMORANDUM FOR PROCESSED FOODS INSPECTORS RE FORWARDING OF CERTIFICATES

In order to simplify the recording of code marks, you are requested to forward two copies of each inspection certificate issued on and after July 1, 1941 to the Washington office.

Previously, an extra copy of each certificate reporting products below U.S. Grade C has been requested. However, in the future, two copies of certificates of this type, as well as of all other certificates, will be sufficient.

John E. Dodds

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THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Hamlet, N.C.	939	R.M.Fox	Peaches Watermelons	July 11 " 16	Aug. 14 " 2
Macon, Ga.	833	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	July 10	Aug. 1
Moultrie, Ga.	832	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June 23	July 8

*State cooperating

W.J. Chastain in Kansas City
R.E. Winfrey - on leave
H.F. Willson - on leave

OFFICE NOTES

A regional market news conference (similar to the one held in New York City on May 24 and 25, as described in the Division Letter dated May 29, page 72) will be held at Chicago, Ill., on June 28-29, to be attended by the market news officers in charge of the following offices: Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit and Minneapolis. There will be no market news reports issued from these offices on June 28. There may be a brief report issued from the Chicago office in the event it is possible for the Chicago force to cover the market before the conference starts.

Walter D. Lurry, of the Baton Rouge inspection office, has taken charge of the New Orleans inspection office for a period of approximately three weeks, relieving R.C. Elliott, who is confined to a hospital as a result of three fractured ribs.

E.P. Bostwick advises his home address is 418 South Elmwood Ave., Oak Park, Illinois. Residence telephone: Village 2874.

G. Woodrow Liddell, immediately in charge of the processed foods office at Fayetteville, Arkansas, requests that all mail intended for that office, be addressed to P.O.Box 81.

Charles L. Powell, formerly in charge of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office at Newark, N.J., has been transferred to Seattle, Washington, to take the place of Mr. L.S. Fenn who will, about July 1, go to Chicago, to take charge of the processed foods office there. J.C. Bigger, at the same time, will go to the Baltimore processed foods office, rather than the Washington office, as announced in the last D.L. Work at the Newark office is being handled, temporarily, from the New York City office.

The receiving market inspection and processed foods inspection offices, Columbus, Ohio, have moved to 36 Old Federal Building, H.W. Baker in charge, Max S. Austin assisting. Telephone: MA 6411, Station 433. The market news and shipping-point inspection offices, Mr. Baker in charge, remain unchanged i.e.- 718 Ohio Departments Building. Telephone: MA 2462.

O.H. Harsha will spend the next three weeks ^{in New York} investigating complaints under the PAC Act.

The Milwaukee offices, Grover Clyde in charge, are now located in Rooms 637-638 Federal Building. This change should be noted on all address lists.

G.W. Winfrey, of the Washington PACA office, will relieve W.G. Lensen, of the Chicago PACA office, while the latter is on leave for approximately six weeks, beginning about July 5.

A training class for processed foods inspectors will be held in Philadelphia, beginning June 30. Mr. H.S. Slamp will conduct this class. On July 7 another training class will begin in Chicago.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING MAY, 1941.

(1.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents.)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Alabama	3949	Minnesota	198
Arizona	741	Mississippi	1479½
Arkansas	242	Nebraska	21
California	6357½	New Jersey	8
Colorado	361	New York	141
Florida	12188	North Dakota	336*
Georgia	56	Ohio	148
Idaho	2573	Oklahoma	13
Illinois	65½	Oregon	751½
Indiana	82	South Carolina	669
Kentucky	488	Texas	3130½
Louisiana	3497	Utah	15**
Maine	1351	Vermont	1½
Maryland	111	Washington	2163
Michigan	681½	TOTAL	41,618

* Plus 5 March cars not reported previously.

** There were 278 trucklots aggregating 3,377,330 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Pennsylvania, Missouri, Montana,

North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: Arizona 63, California 422.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING MAY, 1941.

<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>
Albany	21	22	Milwaukee	32	27
Atlanta	15	21	Minneapolis	61	34
Baltimore	73	72	Newark	28	14
Boston	169	230	New Haven	10	16
Buffalo	108	177	New Orleans	71	74
Chicago	209	187	New York	820	701
Cincinnati	24	14	Norfolk	10	19
Cleveland	71	89	Oklahoma City	7*	14
Columbus	26	29	Philadelphia	133	136
Denver	42	22	Pittsburgh	90	65
Detroit	289	367	Portland	22	32
East Providence	-	17	Rochester	20	32
Fort Worth	17	1	St. Louis	43	37
Harrisburg	1	4	Salt Lake City	34	17
Hartford	29	60	Seattle	41	3
Houston	13	480	Tampa	2	1
Indianapolis	6	3	Trenton	1	7
Jackson	1	0	Washington, D.C.	9	16
Jacksonville	30	20	TOTAL	2654	3117
Kansas City	68	45	Total fees assessed for	Total last yr.	
Los Angeles	3	4	May, 1941, \$9,894.53	\$11,288.26	
Memphis	4	6	1504 cars inspected for Western Peri-		
Miami	1	2	shable Carload Receivers' Assn., N.Y.C.		

* Compiled from certificates in file.

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

May 1941.

Cities	Navy	Veterans' Hospitals	Quartermaster Corps	Marine & Coast Guard	Public Health & Other	Federal Agencies	State	County	City	Institution	Steamship Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,431	-	-	9,746	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	309,992 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	-	-
Chicago	16,925	9,975	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit	60,660	16,369	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	1,097,230	51,530	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	18,313	249,142	650,020	-	-	-	57,947	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	102,607	-	-	-	-	151,016	-	-	-	-
Newark	28,869	69,490	100,000	-	-	-	161,057	-	-	-	-
New York	559,730	186,734	87,493	10,572	195,428	7,152	2,052,283	-	-	699,740	-
Norfolk	1,766,533	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	445,033	62,105	349,430	-	-	-	153,247	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	42,685	-	-	-	-	51,766	-	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	35,777	4,246	-	-	-	224,534	-	-	-	-
San Diego	2,184,400	-	765,392	5,487	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	2,485,933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	134,013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	519,171	-	26,780	13,531	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	45,896	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	9,316,810	826,414	1,983,361	29,590	195,428	53,048	3,179,273 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	709,486	-
GRAND TOTAL	16,293,410 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. MINIMUM SIZE OF TRANSPARENT APPLES FOR CANADIAN SHIPMENT

The Canadian Department has advised that while the Dominion import regulations contain no size requirement for apples Ontario province does not permit the sale of yellow transparents which are less than 2 1/4 inches in diameter. In the light of this information it is suggested that supervisors in all States which are shipping transparents to Canada should advise shippers of this requirement. An attempt is being made at the present time to obtain the minimum size requirements for other varieties and it is expected that this will be given in the next Division Letter.

2f. INSPECTIONS UNDER OVER-ALL TRUST FUND AGREEMENTS

Supplementing article 1f of Division Letter of May 16, receiving market offices which are making inspections for Federal agencies which require that the vendor shall pay the cost of inspection should schedule the fees for such inspections made for all Federal agencies to the credit of "128012.1200. Project 99-1502-99," as directed in the above-mentioned article. Fees for such inspections for State or Municipal agencies should be scheduled for deposit in miscellaneous receipts. This will apply also to inspections made for the Panama Railroad which is to be considered as a Government agency.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama.

" Georgia reports wire H.M. Riley, 703 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga.

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" South Carolina potato reports wire T.A. Cole, c/o Chamber of Commerce, Charleston, S.C.

" South Carolina watermelon reports wire F.W. Luffman, Federal-State Inspection Service, Allendale, S.C.

" Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tenn.

" Texas tomato reports wire E.F. Longino, 200 Federal Bldg., Jacksonville, Texas.

" Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Cape Charles, Va.

" Virginia reports after July 6 wire Robert Bier, Parksley, Va.

4f. UNPAID BILLS AS OF JULY 1, 1941

Each field office is requested, not later than July 5, to forward to this office a statement showing the total of unpaid bills on hand July 1. The statement should be broken down:

1. Other Government agencies.

2. Miscellaneous receipts.

5f. REVISED MARKET CIRCULAR ON ONION SETS

A revised Products Circular on Onion Sets is enclosed for each inspector. This circular is to be immediately substituted for the one issued January 2 1936, which should be destroyed.

6f. ENCLOSURE - Amendment to Federal Specifications for fresh cabbage.

F.G. Robb

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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July 11, 1941

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. APPROPRIATION AND PROJECT NUMBERS FOR F.Y. 1942

With the beginning of the Fiscal Year 1942 (July 1) no change has been made in our various Project numbers. The main appropriation number has been changed from 1212500 to 1222500 Salary and Expenses, Agricultural Marketing Service, 1942. No change in the sub-appropriation numbers.

2a. 1942 PROJECTS AND APPROPRIATIONS - ENCLOSURE

Accompanying this Division Letter, primarily for certifying officers (pay rolls), is a booklet containing appropriation numbers, project numbers and sub-appropriation numbers for the various activities of the entire Agricultural Marketing Service.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-



1b. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES ON THE D, F & SA-SI PAGES OF THE CODE:

Effective July 19

On the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code add

DAL Salinas-Watsonville District

On the SA-SI (WATERMELON) page of the code add

SAN 36-foot car
SAP 40-foot car
AP Black Diamond
AQ Cannonball

On the F (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code add

EOZ for export

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THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED					
*Anna, Illinois	938	P.A.Nicholson	Peaches	Aug. 1	Aug. 15
*Benton Harbor, Mich.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples Peaches Pears Onions Grapes Potatoes	Aug. 15 " 15 " 21 Sept. 11 " 22 Oct. 1	Nov. 5 Sept. 20 Oct. 18 " 31 " 15 " 31
*Centralia, Ill.	939	P.A.Nicholson	Peaches	Aug. 16	Aug. 26
*Fresno, Calif. *State cooperating	919	J.A.Hunter	Grapes	Aug. 1	Nov. 12

W.J.Chastain in Kansas City - R.E.Corbin on leave.
A.K.Bredin on leave - J.C.Keller in Detroit.
J.A. Hunter on leave.
H.F. Willson - on leave.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. SCHEDULES OF COLLECTIONS SHOULD BE PROPERLY PREPARED

The cooperation of all offices in which Schedules of Collections are prepared, is earnestly requested in order that these schedules may be uniformly correct. In order to be of assistance in this matter, it is believed the following instructions will be found helpful:

1. The D.O. Symbol No. (at top of schedule form No. 1044) should be shown as 891-804.
2. In the event it becomes necessary to schedule a portion of the total amount of the check to the credit of the appropriation and a portion into miscellaneous receipts, it is necessary to show on each schedule, in the "Name of Remitter" column, the total amount of the check.
3. When listing the serial number of a check, the alphabetical letter appearing before the numerical figures should be shown - thus: B-14689.
4. At the bottom of the schedule form, immediately above the date, indicate the name of the City.
5. A total of 8 copies, all legible, must be submitted, six of which must be signed.
6. In scheduling checks in connection with processed foods activities, the amount representing expenses should not be scheduled separately - as in the case of fresh fruit and vegetable inspections. Expenses incurred in connection with the processed foods work should be included with the fees - scheduled into miscellaneous receipts - Fund 124310 Misc. Rev. Reimb. Insp. Per. Foods & Other Farm Prod.
7. The correct "Special Deposit" fund No. is 66.2-131, which applies to both processed and and fresh fruit and vegetable activities.
8. The main appropriation number for the Fiscal Year 1942 (beginning July 1, 1941) should be shown as 1222500, with the following worded description when scheduling salary and expenses under fresh fruit and vegetable activities: "Salary and Expenses A.M.S. 1942 Enforcement P.A.C. Act. (L. A. No. _____)"
9. The sub-appropriation numbers for the Fiscal Year 1942 have not been changed. Consequently, the correct appropriation number for fresh fruit and vegetable activities is 1222500.080.

2f. MINIMUM SIZE OF TRANSPARENT APPLES FOR SHIPMENT TO ONTARIO PROVINCE, CANADA

Supplementing article 1f of Division Letter of June 27 on the Minimum Size of Transparent Apples for Canadian Shipment, inspectors are advised that Ontario Province does not permit the sale of apples of smaller diameter than indicated in the standards under the Canadian Fruit, Vegetables and Honey Act as recorded on pages 27, 28 and 29 of the "Acts, Orders, and Regulations No. 35 Revised 1940," which were mailed to all inspectors a few months ago. If an applicant insists on a Canadian certificate covering a lot which shows a smaller minimum size than indicated in these standards the usual certificate showing "Meets Canadian import requirements" may be issued but the applicant should be advised that the Ontario regulations prohibit the resale of such lots within the boundaries of the Province.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Foley, Alabama.

" Arkansas peach reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Nashville,
Arkansas.

" Georgia reports wire H.M. Riley, 703 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga.

" Kansas potato reports wire W.D. Sanborn, Chesterfield Hotel, Topeka,
Kansas.

" Mississippi reports wire B.C. Lee, Jackson, Miss.

" Missouri potato reports wire W.D. Sanborn, Chesterfield Hotel, Topeka,
Kansas.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.

" South Carolina watermelon reports wire F.W. Luffman, Federal-State
Inspection Service, Allendale, S.C.

" South Carolina peach reports wire T.W. Ayres, Spartanburg, S.C.

" Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tenn.

" Texas tomato reports wire H.T. Longino, 200 Federal Bldg., Jacksonville,
Texas.

" Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Parksley, Virginia.

4f. SEND IN INSPECTION SUMMARIES PROMPTLY

All shipping point supervisors are reminded that a summary of the past year's business should be forwarded to Washington within the next few weeks. These summaries should contain information regarding new developments in the service during the year with statistics as to total carlot inspections of each product and the total volume inspected for canneries and for diversion and surplus marketing programs. A paragraph on personnel should show the total number of licensed inspectors used during the season with comments on any individual inspectors whose services have not been satisfactory.

5f. SUPPLEMENT TO PRODUCTS CIRCULAR - MARKET INSPECTION OF POTATOES

A supplement to the Products Circular Market Inspection of Potatoes is being enclosed with this D.L. for each fresh fruit and vegetable inspector.

6f. TIME OF REQUEST FOR INSPECTION BY LETTER

An inquiry has recently been received as to whether the time of filing a request for inspection by letter is the post mark on the letter or time of receipt in the office. Section 3 of Regulation 4 of S.R.A. 93, Second Revision refers to the application for inspection being "filed in the office of inspection." This clearly indicates that the time of receipt in the office is the time of filing the application.

7f. AIR MAIL JUNE REPORTS IMMEDIATELY

Eight receiving market reports, 5 shipping point and 13 Processed Food reports for the month of June have not been received in the Washington office. The annual report must be completed by July 25 and it is highly important therefore that these reports be airmailed to Washington at once, otherwise it will be necessary to obtain this information by wire.

Do not make it necessary to incur the expense of wiring you for this information.

F.G. ROBB

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OFFICE NOTES:

L.M. Billman went to points in Michigan during the current week, inaugurating continuous factory inspection work at the plant of the Cherry Growers, Inc., Traverse City, Michigan. Miss Aili Jalonen, a new appointee will be in charge of the work. Mr. Billman also inaugurated continuous factory inspection work at Hart, Michigan, at the canning plant of the Farm Bureau Produce Corp. Mr. Francis J. McQuaid, a new employee will be in charge. Returning from Michigan, Mr. Billman will stop one day in Chicago, en route to his new official station at San Francisco.

It is expected that the following new processed foods inspectors will report for duty at the San Francisco office on July 16: Martin Heerdt, Hugh Landes, Harry L. Wells, Gene H. McClain and Leo H. Boire.

Leonard J. Miller will report as a new processed foods inspector at Eastport, Maine, on July 14, where he will work under the supervision of the Boston processed foods office, but will maintain headquarters at Eastport.

George A. Crone, of the Philadelphia inspection office, being on leave, was a visitor in the Washington office together with Mrs. Crone and young daughter, on July 11.

OFFICE NOTES

The Washington office is grieved to learn of a recent automobile accident involving F.M. Lyle, of our Kansas City inspection office, and his family, including Mrs. Lyle and two young children. Mr. Lyle was on annual leave at the time of the accident, which happened (through no fault of his) near Durant, Oklahoma, resulting in serious injury to the entire family, and causing the death of Carol Ann, aged 9, on July 3. The Lyles are all confined to hospitals in Durant, Mrs. Lyle still remaining in a serious condition. Mr. Lyle, who suffered a broken jaw, serious cuts and bruises, is reported to be improving, but is not expected to be able to resume his official duties for at least eight weeks. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle.

W.L. Evans will make investigations under the P.A.C. Act in the States of N.J., N.Y., and Pa., during July 13-Aug. 15.

O.H. Harsha is making investigations under the P.A.C. Act, until about July 22, in New York and New Jersey.

C.E. Partridge, who is conducting the temporary processed foods office at Easton, Md., advises that his mail address is P.O. Box 706.

Under date of July 1, W.L. Close, of the Salem, Oregon, office advised that his office telephone number has been changed from 4114 to 4171, extension 453. His official address is Room 207 Agricultural Building, Salem.

John E. Dodds returned to the Washington processed foods office on July 11, from Chicago, where he and H.S. Stamp, of the Philadelphia processed foods office, conducted a training class, attended by 15 men.

On July 9 a year-round continuous factory inspection program was inaugurated at the canning plant of the Marshall Canning Company, Marshalltown, Iowa, under the supervision of John E. Dodds and Harris J. Richard. The latter, a new appointee, will be in charge.

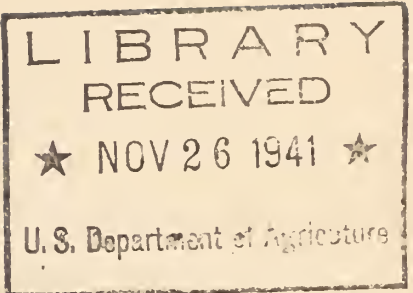
Edmund J. Evans, of the New York City processed foods office, and L.V. Bryant, who has been inspecting at the Quartermaster Depot in New Orleans, recently met in Chicago, where they were joined by E.P. Bostwick, who is inspecting at the Quartermaster Depot there, and John E. Dodds, of the Washington office, for the purpose of conferring with officials of the Army in working out details of inspection for the Army during the new Fiscal Year. Mr. Bryant proceeds to Fort Mason, California, where he will be stationed at the Quartermaster Depot, and Mr. Evans will inspect at the Quartermaster Depot in Jersey City, N.J.

Lawrence J. Rasaka is being stationed in the new processed foods office at Rochester, N.Y., to assist with the heavy volume of work at that place.

L.S. Fenn is now in charge of the processed foods office at Chicago, having reported there on July 7.

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
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1a. REPORT REQUIRED BY THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION OF ALL PURCHASES
MADE BY THE SERVICE.

For the purpose of a study, the Procurement Division (Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.) desires a complete report of every purchase made by this Service, including those from other Government agencies, except the Procurement Division, (Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.) which involves the exchange of funds, beginning with July 1, 1941, and continuing until further notice. The Procurement Section, Agricultural Marketing Service, is already supplying the Procurement Division with a copy of each purchase order issued by that Section. Insofar as such purchases are concerned, the furnishing of reports will be a simple matter and will be handled by the Procurement Section. The main problem, however, will be in furnishing reports of purchases made in the field service under station letters of authorization. There are two methods for furnishing reports of such purchases; (1) by sales or delivery ticket, or (2) a copy of the vendor's invoice or public voucher. The simplest of the two would appear to be by public voucher. In most cases, vouchers are prepared by the field offices and submitted to the vendors for signature, and an extra copy of the voucher can be prepared on Standard Form. No. 1034-Revised at that time with very little difficulty. Such vouchers give all the information desired with the exception of the name and address of the ordering office or consignee. The vouchers should also include such information and give sufficient and accurate description to enable ready and positive identification of the material purchased. The extra copy of public vouchers should be mailed by the field offices concerned directly to the Procurement Section of the Service in sufficient time to be received by not later than the fifth day of the month following the month in which the purchase was made.

2a. RETIREMENT

Personnel Circular, No. 91, Supplement No. 3, a 9-paged mimeographed publication on the subject of Retirement, accompanies this D.L. for each office.

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1b. REQUISITIONS FOR MIMEOGRAPH PAPER

There is quoted below a memorandum received from the Procurement Office of our Service:

"The contract for mimeograph paper for the three months' period ending September 30, 1941 has been awarded to the Paper Corporation of United States, Rockefeller Center, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, at \$0.081 per pound under Item 5(a) for L.C.L. shipments and at \$0.079 per pound under Item 5(c) for C.L. shipments, both f.o.b. Grand Rapids, Michigan. The contract number is ALS-25172. The contract has not been signed and, of course, the date of execution is not known at this time. The date of the contract will be filled in on the requisitions by this office.

"You will note that the price is nearly double the figure paid during the six months' period ending June 30, 1941. In explanation, it may be stated that we solicited bids in May and received only a single bid, the price being better than \$0.07 per pound. The sample ream of paper submitted was unsatisfactory and it was therefore necessary to reject the bid. A readvertisement for bids was made and we received only three bids, one of which covered delivery of paper in Zone 4 or on the West Coast. All three bids were in approximately the same amount; in fact the other bid covering all zones provided that delivery would not be made until the latter part of September and then provided the orders were received by July 16.

"This office also made a check with the Central Supply Section and with the Government Printing Office in order to ascertain what would be the cost of paper during the next several months. The cost would be within \$0.01 for a two-ream package of what it would cost under the above contract. Furthermore, the Central Supply Section would not assure us that they could supply the paper; in fact, they are having considerable difficulty at this time in securing 8 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " paper.

"The Paper Corporation of United States proposes to have all of the paper required under the contract made up at one time, consequently they would like to receive as many of the orders as possible at one time rather than have them scattered throughout the three months' period. It will therefore be appreciated if you will forward your requisitions for mimeograph paper to this office within the next week. It is quite probable that we will experience considerable difficulty in negotiating a contract for the following three months' period and in any event the price will be higher. For these reasons, it is believed that the requisitions should cover your requirements for the next six months, even though some of the field offices may find it difficult to store the paper. "

In accordance with this memorandum we have prepared requisitions

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for paper for the offices listed below in the amounts listed:

Atlanta	750 Reams - 8x15	
Baltimore	600 "	"
Chicago	1500 "	"
Cincinnati	600 "	"
Detroit	300 "	"
Fort Worth	600 "	"
Kansas City	500 "	"
Lakeland	1000 "	"
New Orleans	300 "	"
Pittsburgh	200 "	"
Rochester	400 "	"
St. Louis ,	300 "	"

Requisitions for those offices operating as "Joint" are being prepared in the Service's Procurement Office. If there is any office not listed above except joint offices, for which a requisition should have been prepared, please advise at once. If additional storage space is necessary, it will be satisfactory to arrange locally for such service.

<u>Stations</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Will Close</u>
*Anna, Illinois	938	P.A. Nicholson	Peaches	Aug. 4	Aug. 15
208 1/2 So. Main St.					

W.J. Chastain in Kansas City - R.E. Corbin on leave.
A.K. Bredin on leave - J. C. Keller in Detroit.
H.F. Willson - on leave.
S.W. Russell in Cincinnati office.
J.B. Owens in Boston office.
R.M. Peterson in Baltimore office.

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- PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE -

1d. QUANTITY GRADING DISCOUNTS NOT AVAILABLE ON COMMERCIAL-GOVERNMENT INSPECTIONS.

The question has arisen as to whether contractors who have canned foods contracts with Government Agencies requiring our inspection are entitled to a rebate if they have filed a declaration of intention form.

The answer is no.

When this question arises inspectors should explain to such contractors that fees can only be credited against declaration of intention forms when the gradings cover regular commercial inspections. The only justification we have for allowing the rebate, as provided in the regulations, is to encourage a more steady flow of regular business into our offices throughout a given year period, which business we can handle at a lower net cost to the Government than would otherwise be the case. It is costing us considerably more in several ways to handle the Commercial-Government inspections, which precludes the possibility of permitting a refund in fees.

It is assumed, moreover, that contractors bidding on Government business will have anticipated the rate of fees outlined in the invitations for bids when bidding. Therefore, if discounts were allowed, they would serve to augment the return to the canner who had filed a declaration of intention, which would not be the case for the contractor who had not filed one of these forms.

We are encountering rather heavy additional expenses in handling the large volume of Government work, due largely to the manner and volume in which the work is offered to us. Congress imposes upon us the obligation to so assess fees as to as nearly as possible cover the cost of the service rendered. Due to the unusual character of the Commercial-Government inspection work now being tendered to us we are unable to cut the fees by granting rebates on such inspections.

Regular commercial inspections, however, are subject to discount if declarations have been filed. In this connection we do not believe it is advisable to offer declaration of intention forms to canners to sign at this time because of the fact that we shall likely be very busy with Commercial-Government business for Defense Agencies and this business has priority. It may be necessary in many instances to decline commercial inspections in the very near future.

Commercial inspections should be handled wherever possible, but in the event it is not possible to handle them because of the heavy volume of work for the Defense Agencies, the applicant should be promptly advised.

Paul M. Williams

OFFICE NOTES:

Earl L. Biddick, of the Chicago inspection office, is in charge of the Kansas City inspection office during the absence of F. M. Lyle.

R.M. Ferguson is in the Fort Worth office relieving M. C. Gregory who will be on leave during July 18-August 16.

R. C. Lindstrom will report for duty in San Francisco on August 1, where he has been permanently transferred to take charge of fresh fruit and vegetable inspections for the Navy.

D. D. Lacy, of the Hartford inspection office, is on leave until August 16.

F. W. Luffman, in charge of the Miami inspection office, is on leave until September 1.

George E. Prince, who has been serving with the Inspection Service almost continuously since August, 1920, has tendered his resignation effective July 31. Since May, 1926, Mr. Prince has been cooperatively employed between this Division and the South Carolina Extension Service, with headquarters at Columbia, S.C. Mr. Prince will in the future be Secretary of the Bank for Cooperatives for the District which includes South Carolina.

The Philadelphia inspection office, R. H. vonGlahn in charge, has moved to Room 604-A Custom House. This change should be shown on all address lists.

F. L. Southerland, who recently transferred to Rochester, New York, advises that his residence address is now 1104 Garson Ave., Rochester, N. Y. Residence telephone: Culver 2987.

W. L. Evans has been assigned to the Department of Justice for approximately three months, where he is acting in an advisory capacity in connection with technical investigations being conducted by that Department.

John E. Dodds left Washington on June 24, going direct to Chicago to confer for one day with employees of the processed foods unit. He will then go to East Jordan, Michigan, for the purpose of inaugurating continuous factory work at a processing plant in that city. From there he will go to Traverse City and Hart, Michigan, where continuous factory inspections are in progress before returning to Chicago on July 28, the opening date of another training class for processed foods inspectors to be conducted there.

E.E. Conklin left Chicago on July 16 for the Pacific Northwest where he will again assist with the supervision of the inspection of prunes in the Milton-Freewater, Walla-Walla area; he will also confer with officials in California, Oregon and Washington relative to the U.S. grades for pears. Mr. Conklin will be away from his Chicago desk for approximately six weeks.

R.H. vonGlahn, in charge of the Philadelphia inspection office, and R.C. Elliott, in charge of the New Orleans inspection office, were visitors in the Washington office on July 25, both being on leave.

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1f. INSPECTION OF TOMATOES FOR CANNING AND FOR
MANUFACTURE OF STRAINED TOMATO PRODUCTS.

Many growers and canners last season complained because inspectors cut such a large percentage of tomatoes in order to determine the grade classification of individual tomatoes. The criticism came particularly where canners were purchasing under the U. S. Standards for Canning Tomatoes. In 1938 the definition of "well colored" in the U.S. Standards for Canning Tomatoes was worded the same as the definition for "well colored" in the "Standards for Tomatoes for Manufacture of Strained Tomato Products." Since in determining the grade of canned tomatoes color is largely judged by the outside color of the peeled tomato, there seems to be no necessity for cutting the raw product into cross sections for classifying them as to color. Therefore supervisors should instruct inspectors at plants operating under the U. S. Standards for Canning Tomatoes to return to the former practice of peeling back the skin with the thumb nail to determine the color classification of borderline tomatoes rather than cutting them in cross sections with a knife.

At those plants operating under the Standards for Tomatoes for Manufacture of Strained Tomato Products it will of course be necessary to use the knife for cutting some tomatoes in cross sections, especially in determining whether a tomato is a U.S. No. 2 or Cull. However, inspectors should be instructed to use the knife only when necessary and every effort should be made to hold the percentage of cut tomatoes to the minimum.

2f. WAXY BREAKDOWN OF GARLIC

A question has recently been raised as to whether waxy breakdown of garlic should be included in the 2% tolerance for decay or the general 10% tolerance for defects. Waxy breakdown is not a decay as this term is ordinarily used in our Inspection Service and this defect therefore should be included in the 10% tolerance for general defects.

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3f. SHOULDER BRUISES OF TOMATOES

Mr. D. F. Fisher of the Bureau of Plant Industry advises that the following article has just been received from Dr. J.M. Lutz of his research staff concerning shoulder bruises of tomatoes:

"Work on tomato handling was continued with special reference to 'shoulder bruises.' Confirming the results of last year it was found that the 'shoulder' of the tomato is much more susceptible to bruising than other positions. Apparently most of the shoulder bruising occurs when the tomatoes are hauled from the field to the packing shed as it was almost impossible to secure this type of injury in the packed lug even when very tightly packed. However, shoulder bruises frequently appear so slight when packed that they are not noticed and get into the package. When the tomatoes ripen these bruises may darken and detract from the appearance of the fruit and may offer a source of infection for decay organisms."

4f INCLUDE "AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE" IN WIRES TO WASHINGTON OFFICE

A commercial wire addressed to a person in the Department of Agriculture in Washington is relayed to the Department from a central downtown office over one of two wires. One is a general wire to the Secretary's Office; the other a special wire to the leased wire office of the Agricultural Marketing Service. All wires sent to any person in the Washington office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division should be addressed to the "Agricultural Marketing Service" in order to insure their coming to us over the proper wire. Do not address wires to the "Fruit and Vegetable Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture." There are Fruit and Vegetable Divisions in other organizations besides the Agricultural Marketing Service. This address alone is therefore not sufficient to insure direct delivery to the person in our Division. A commercial wire to any person in this Division should be addressed --Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

5f. ENCLOSURE

A copy of F.S. - 86, "Trade Between the United States and Canada in Fresh Fruits and Vegetables and the Effects of the Trade Agreements," issued by the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, for each market news and fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office.

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INSPECTION SERVICE6f. ENCLOSURE - CIRCULAR NO. 600

Circular No. 600, entitled "Mortality of the Apple Maggot in Fruit Held in Cold Storage, accompanies this D. L. for each inspector.

7f. LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

A mimeographed list of Past Due Accounts, dated August 1, 1941, was mailed within the past few days to each inspection office. Any office failing to receive a copy should request one from Mrs. Doris McBride of the Washington inspection office.

8f. NORTHERN GROWN ONION CIRCULAR AND BERMUDA ONION CIRCULAR
REVISED AND COMBINED

The products circulars on Northern Grown Onions and Bermuda Onions have been revised and combined and issued as one circular entitled "Onions." A copy is enclosed with this D. L. for each fresh fruit and vegetable inspector.

9f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

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For Illinois peach reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 208-1/2 South Main St. Anna, Illinois

For Kansas potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Topeka, Kansas.

For Missouri potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Topeka, Kansas.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.

For South Carolina watermelon reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Allendale, S. C.

F. G. Robb.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JUNE, 1941. --
(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents.)

State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.
Alabama	2133 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mississippi	1266
Arizona	1713 $\frac{1}{2}$	Montana	11
Arkansas	204 $\frac{1}{2}$	New Jersey	12
California	7069	New York	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
Colorado	240	North Carolina	3178
Delaware	5	North Dakota	57
Florida	6322	Ohio	217 $\frac{1}{2}$
Georgia	1886	Oklahoma	333
Idaho	1471	Oregon	577
Indiana	31	Pennsylvania	30
Illinois	213	South Carolina	1540
Kansas	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tennessee	1090
Kentucky	4	Texas	4889 $\frac{1}{2}$
Louisiana	1542	Utah	6*
Maine	238	Virginia	1295
Maryland	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Washington	1649
Massachusetts	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	West Virginia	2
Michigan	297	Wisconsin	41
Minnesota	57	TOTAL	39,663 $\frac{1}{2}$

*There were 237 trucklots aggregating 2,539,300 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The Following report not yet received - Missouri.

Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above : California 400, Ohio 25.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JUNE, 1941.</u>					
Markets	Total Inspections	Same Month Last Year.	Markets	Total Inspections	Same Mo. Last Yr.
Albany	18	38	Minneapolis	36	37
Atlanta	73	27	Newark	42	45
Baltimore	56	44	New Haven	15	18
Boston	307	240	New Orleans	45	67
Buffalo	112	184	New York	910	455
Chicago	211	205	Norfolk	8	12
Cincinnati	24	35	Oklahoma City	12	7
Cleveland	111	167	Philadelphia	229	185
Columbus	35	61	Pittsburgh	124	115
Denver	28	25	Portland	23	28
Detroit	296	376	Rochester	38	58
East Providence	-	39	St. Louis	37	37
Fort Worth	6	5	Salt Lake City	5*	3
Harrisburg	5	2	San Francisco	0	1
Hartford	34	66	Seattle	31	15
Houston	7	124	Trenton	9	2
Indianapolis	7	11	Washington, D.C.	17	8
Jacksonville	34	18	TOTAL	3006	2842
Kansas City	30	38	Total fees assessed for	Total last	
Los Angeles	3	3	June, 1941, \$11,040.38	year	
Memphis	1	4		\$10,834.04	
Milwaukee	29	37	1702 cars inspected for Western		

Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn., New York, City.

*Compiled from certificates in file.

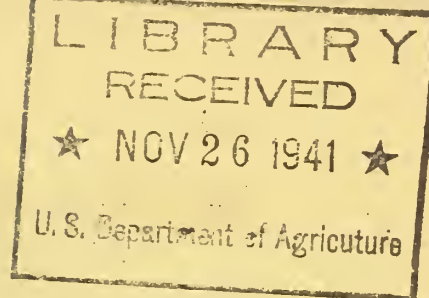
INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES

(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

June 1941.

Cities	Navy	Veterans' Hospit- :tal.	: Marine & : Quarter- : master	: Coast : Guard & : Maritime	: Public : Health & : N.Y.Medi-	: Other : Federal	: State, : County : & City	: Steam- : ship
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,001	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	249,183	-
Chicago	40,843	8,385	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit	74,475	12,593	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	764,240	55,446	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	29,568	285,549	1,131,677	-	-	-	72,845	-
Milwaukee	-	93,302	-	-	-	-	121,024	-
Newark	38,611	74,725	15,200	-	-	-	131,799	-
New York	7,746,502	160,292	68,183	31,485	218,177	2,737	2,037,702	602,852
Norfolk	3,083,824	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	579,572	42,332	45,481	-	-	-	289,620	-
Pittsburgh	-	28,731	-	-	-	-	25,920	-
St. Louis	1,315	27,118	4,692	-	-	-	230,913	-
San Diego	1,927,488	-	556,575	13,643	-	573	-	-
San Francisco	3,056,696	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	262,699	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seattle	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,848	-
Vallejo	345,047	-	23,878	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	2,456	-	-	-	-	45,513	-	-
total	17,953,336	728,973	1,845,686	45,128	218,177	80,671	3,183,007	502,852
GRAND TOTAL	24,717,830	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. USE OF FORM AMS-53--(Travel Order Authorizing Field Assistants to Travel by Privately-Owned Automobile)

In order to answer a number of questions which have arisen with regard to the FORM AMS-53, the following is submitted:

(a) The form is to be used by the supervisory official of a field office for directing travel of his assistants by means of a privately-owned automobile. It is not to be used for travel to be performed other than by a privately-owned automobile.

(b) The form should be numbered numerically, beginning with number one on July 1st of each fiscal year. The **serial** number should include the number of the order, and the fiscal year; for instance, Number 1-42, signifying that the order was the first one issued during the fiscal year 1942. The next travel order issued under the same letter of authorization during the fiscal year 1942 should be Number 2-42, etc., without reference to the persons to whom the orders are issued.

(c) The date of the order must be prior to the beginning of the travel.

(d) The number and date of the original station letter must be shown.

(e) The Project and Appropriation numbers must be the same as those shown on the station letter of authorization under which the travel order is issued. The amount must be approximately the cost of the travel to be performed by the assistant to whom the travel order is issued.

(f) The name of the Assistant should agree with the name as carried on the payroll. The official designation or title should also agree with the payroll.

(g) The name of the Division and the name of the official station must be shown.

USE OF FORM AMS-53 (cont'd)

(h) The "Approximate duration of travel" should be inclusive. If travel is to be performed intermittently, involving frequent departures from and returning to official station, the travel order may be issued for a period not to exceed one calendar month. If travel is to be performed on a trip basis involving only one departure from and one return to official station, the travel order should specify a period of travel, beginning with the departure and ending with the return. If the date of return is uncertain, the travel order may show the time of leaving and provide for the return "Upon completion of assignment."

(i) The travel territory should be outlined briefly but completely, including always authority to return to official station and should not cover any territory not named in the station letter of authorization, unless, of course, an amendment to the station letter has been provided to cover such additional territory.

(j) Under "Purpose" there should be given a brief description of the work to be performed which description should not differ materially from the purpose named in the station letter.

(k) "Mode of Transportation." Authority for the use of a privately-owned automobile must be indicated by the code number cited in the original station letter of authorization, the mileage rate allowed to be determined by the nature of the travel to be performed, having in mind the authority for this travel as shown in the station letter of authorization.

(l) "Per Diem Allowance" must be indicated by a code number, the rate allowed not to exceed that allowed in the station letter of authorization.

(m) "Other Expenses" - It is believed that the statement "Miscellaneous expenses necessary" will be satisfactory.

(n) Should it become necessary to modify or correct a travel order which has been issued to cover a specific period, a supplemental travel order must be prepared, numbered as above indicated.

Form AMS-53 is to be prepared in quadruplicate, an original and three copies. The original and one carbon should be referred to the traveler, one carbon retained by the Officer directing the travel and issuing the order, and the remaining copy sent direct to Mrs. Mills' office in Washington. The traveler will submit the original travel order and one copy with his reimbursement voucher covering expenses incurred thereunder. All copies of the travel order should be signed by the supervisory official to whom the letter of authorization has been issued and his title must be indicated on the travel order exactly as it appears on the letter of authorization, usually "Officer in Charge."

2a. REDUCTION IN PAPER BRIGHTNESS

Future deliveries of paper will likely have the appearance of being dingy or "off color" due to the fact that The Office of Production Management has requested the Pulp and Paper Industry, in the interest of national defense, to curtail its use of chlorine to a degree which will necessitate immediate reduction in paper brightness. Deliveries should not be rejected for this reason.

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-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. COLLECTING AND SCHEDULING TRAVEL EXPENSES

Effective immediately the making of two collections, one for fees and another for expenses in connection with inspections made of processed foods, should be discontinued. In lieu thereof, a single billing should be rendered to the applicant for the total amount due. Fee bills should have indicated thereon the total amount of inspection fees, and the total amount of travel or miscellaneous expenses, as separate items, totaled to compute the amount due from the applicant. In no instance is an inspector to collect for traveling or other expenses directly from the applicant for this Service.

In transmitting such collections, that portion of the monies collected as fees should be scheduled as usual to 124310 Mis. Rev. Reimb. Insp. Per. Foods & Other Farm Products. (Project 04.1503) and that portion received as reimbursement for expenses incurred by the inspector should be scheduled separately to 1222500.040, Salary & Expenses A.M.S. 1942, Market Inspection of Farm Products. (Project 04.1503) with a cross-reference on each schedule, e.g. "See Schedule No. _____."

The inspector will receive reimbursement for traveling expenses incurred in connection with his assignment by submission of the usual expense account, Standard Form 1012.

Paul M. Williams

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

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*Benton Harbor, Mich. 205 P.O. Bldg.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples Peaches Pears Onions Grapes Potatoes	Aug. 10 " 10 " 21 Sept. 11 " 22 Oct. 1	Nov. 5 Sept. 20 Oct. 18 " 31 " 15 " 31
*Centralia, Ill.	939	P.A.Nicholson	Peaches	Aug. 18	Aug. 26
Freewater, Oregon	892	R.G. Risser	Prunes (fresh)	Aug. 11	Aug. 22
*Fresno, Calif. 323 Holland Bldg.	919	J.A.Hunter	Grapes	Aug. 1	Nov. 12
*Hamlet, N.C.	939	R. M. Fox	Peaches Watermelons	July 11 " 16	Aug. 14 July 26

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

Macon, Ga. 703 Grand Bldg.	833	R.E.Keller	Peaches	June 9	Aug. 4
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Nashville, Arkansas P.O. Box 111	873	R.E.Winfrey	Peaches	July 14	Aug. 6
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THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

Wampa, Idaho	940	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 25	Sept. 15
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 8 " 8 " 10 " 8 " 24 " 8 " 8 " 10 Oct. 10	May 19 Feb. 21 May 19 Jan. 3 Oct. 18 April 21 Nov. 1 Sept. 27 May 5
Rocky Ford, Colo.	821-G	R.E.Winfrey	Cantaloups Mixed Melons	Aug. 25 " 25	Sept. 27 " 27

*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
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*State cooperating

W.J.Chastain in Denver - Bryce Morris on leave.

A.K.Bredin on leave - J.C.Keller in Detroit.

H.F.Willson - on leave.

Aaron Stambaugh in Cincinnati - W.H.Nosier on leave.

J.B.Owens in Boston - H.S.Stiles on leave.

R.H.Peterson in Baltimore - W.E.Harrison on leave.

A.B.Farlinger on leave.

- MARKET NEWS SERVICE -

1b. CHANGE ON PA-PE (POTATO) PAGE OF CODE: (Effective Aug. 16, 1941)

On the PA-PE (Potatoes, White) page of the code change

EQ Reds, U.S. No. 1 and UQ Reds to read

EQ Red Warbas, U.S. No. 1 and UQ Red Warbas

B.C. Boree

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OFFICE NOTES:

L.V. Bryant's official address is now c/o Quartermaster Supply Officer, General Depot, Fort Mason, San Francisco, California; telephone West 6141, local 3152. Mr. Bryant's residence address is 3360 Octavia Street, Apt. 11, San Francisco; residence telephone: Tuxedo 6783.

Edmund J. Evans' official address is now Agricultural Marketing Service, Purchasing and Contract Division, Quartermaster Depot, Jersey City, N.J.

The Philadelphia processed foods office, H.S. Slamp in charge, is now located in Room 601, U.S. Customs House.

The Sacramento, California office, Mr. W.F. Allewelt in charge, has changed its address to Room 237 Mull Building, 1125 Tenth Street. Official telephone: Capitol 2-4711, local 886 and 887. This address is applicable for express shipments and telegrams as well as mail.

F.G. Robb will leave Washington on August 10, to be absent approximately six weeks, during which he will go to the States of Ohio, Ill., Mo., Mont., Idaho, Calif., Colo., Oreg. and Washington, in the interest of the work of the inspection service.

Wm. G. Meal is attending a meeting of The International Apple Association at Toronto, Canada, August 5-8, where he will take part in discussions concerning the Federal inspection of apples for domestic and export shipment, particularly under purchases by the S.M.A.

C.H. Walleigh will travel in the States of Pennsylvania and New York for two weeks, beginning August 11, in connection with the licensing enforcement provisions of the P.A.C. Act.

L.C. Carey will be making investigations under the P.A.C. Act until the end of the current month in the States of N.J., N.Y. and Pa.

OFFICE NOTES:

M.E. Smith and W.W. Morrison will be in Virginia and West Virginia for about 10 days, beginning August 11, for the purpose of securing information relative to the establishment of grades for peaches for canning or freezing.

R.M. Ferguson will relieve J.W. Coleman, of the Cincinnati inspection office, while the latter is on leave August 18-September 6.

C.H. Beasley, of the San Francisco processed foods office, is on a supervisory trip to Lebanon, Portland and Freewater, Oregon and Vancouver and Yakima, Washington.

J.C. Bigger, who is in Wisconsin grading canned peas, will report at Baltimore, Maryland, on August 11, to take up his duties as officer in charge of the processed foods work at that point.

Paul M. Williams and Norman C. Healy visited points in Georgia and South Carolina during the past week, preliminary to opening a temporary field grading office at Macon, of which Mr. Healy will be in charge for the duration of the canned peach season.

R.G. Pelley and John W. Dykes, Jr., have reported for duty in the processed foods office at San Jose, California, for the purpose of assisting with the inspection of both dried and canned fruits and vegetables. Mr. Dykes is the son of John W. Dykes, Sr., in charge of the Los Angeles PACA office.

Ben Fowler, Jr. Marketing Specialist, (processed foods) has reported for duty in the Baltimore office. He will also assist with the processed foods work in the Washington office.

Arthur R. Pobjecky has been appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, headquarters Philadelphia, where he will assist with the processed foods work.

Isaac Malkin, a new Jr. Marketing Specialist, has reported for duty in the processed foods office at Rochester, New York.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. COLLECTING AND SCHEDULING TRAVEL EXPENSES

For a number of years it has been the practice of the Fruit and Vegetable Division to issue two letters of authorization to each branch office, to cover expenditures in connection with the inspection of fresh fruit and vegetables, one against Project 04-1502, Inspection of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, the other against Project 08-1505, Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. Under this arrangement, when inspections are made in which collections from the applicant for travel and subsistence expenses are involved, the items of expense are charged against Project 08-1505, Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, and the collection when received, is returned to that appropriation. An inspector, therefore, in preparing his account is required to separate his expenses so that all items for which collection will be made from the applicant will be charged to Project 08-1505, with exception of fees.

We are now advised that authority exists in our Inspection Act for permitting the return of collections for expenses directly to the appropriation for that Act. Accordingly, there may be discontinued in all offices of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection service, the use of letters of authorization which were issued under Project 08-1505, insofar as the charging of the items of expense in connection with inspections is concerned. All expenses incurred hereafter for the inspection service should be presented for reimbursement from Project 04-1502.

Letters of authorization which have been issued under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, Project 08-1505, authorizing expenses for the purpose of checking licensees and making investigations of complaints received under that Act will continue in effect.

Collections covering fees should be scheduled in the same manner as at present, i.e., deposited to the credit of 124310, Misc. Rev. Reimb. Insp. Per. Foods and Other Farm Products (Project 04.1502). Collections covering expenses for the fiscal year 1941, should be deposited to 1212500.040, Salary and Expenses, A.M.S.-1941, Market Inspection of Farm Products. (Project 04.1502), and collections covering expenses for the fiscal year 1942, should be deposited to 1222500.040, Salary and Expenses, A.M.S.-1942, Market Inspection of Farm Products. (Project 04.1502). (Letter of Authorization Number is no longer required.)

2f. DISCONTINUE SENDING OUT POSTAL CARD NOTICES, FPI-14

So few postal card notices, FPI-14, are being returned with requests for copies of certificates that it seems unnecessary to any longer send out this form. It may therefore be discontinued immediately.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Foley, Alabama.

" Arkansas peach reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Ark.

" Georgia reports wire H.M. Riley, 703 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga.

" Illinois peach reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 208-1/2
South Main St., Anna, Illinois.

" Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

" Kansas potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Topeka,
Kansas.

" Missouri potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Topeka,
Kansas.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon,
Nebraska.

" South Carolina peach reports wire T.W. Ayres, 309 Post Office Bldg.,
Spartanburg, S.C.

" Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Harriman, Tenn.

" Texas potato reports wire H.T. Longino, Federal-State Inspection
Service, Plainview, Texas.

" Virginia peach reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Winchester, Va.

" Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Onley, Va.

" West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection
Service, Martinsburg, W.Va.

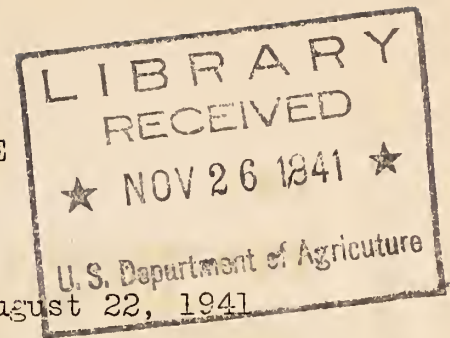
4f. CHECK LICENSE CARD OF INSPECTOR BEFORE HE BEGINS WORK

Each shipping point supervisor should insist on seeing the license card which an inspector brings from another State and should make a record of its number as well as determine whether it covered the products which he is to inspect under his new assignment. It is important that this matter receive the careful attention of each supervisor as evidence has been received that some supervisors have been taking the word of inspectors as to their previous authorization.

F.G. Robb

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. FORMS REQUIRED IN L.A. AND "SECRETARIAL" APPOINTMENTS

There are listed below the forms required for persons employed under Letter of Authorization and for persons employed under 90-day "Secretarial" appointments.

90-day Letter of Authorization Employment
(Graders and Inspectors under special authority)

1. Fingerprint chart---this may be obtained by contacting local post office officials showing a letter from Washington or from local supervisor of the work as authority for requesting fingerprinting.
2. Form 375--- to be submitted in duplicate.
3. Report of Employment and Declaration of Person Employed---- to be prepared in triplicate, original and one copy to be forwarded to Washington, and one copy to be retained for field office files.
4. Citizenship Affidavit forms
AMS-58 and Standard Form #47 (to be executed before a notary public.)

All of the above forms are also required in instances of 30-day or less than 30-day Letter of Authorization employment except the form #375.

90-day "Secretarial" Appointment

1. Fingerprint chart. (See above)
2. Form 375. (See above)
3. Ad-120--Application for Employment. (Only one copy required)
4. Citizenship Affidavit forms--AMS-58 and Standard Form No. 47. (See above)
5. Oath of Office.

It will be noted that Oath of Office is not required for persons employed under Letter of Authorization. The above forms listed for "Secretarial" appointment are those required prior to and at the time of reporting for duty. When personnel notification is received, additional forms will accompany the notification which should be executed and returned to the Washington office.

FORMS REQUIRED IN L.A. AND "SECRETARIAL" APPOINTMENTS (cont'd)

All employees serving under either Letter of Authorization or temporary appointment are entitled to $2\frac{1}{2}$ days of leave for each month of service. When application is made and leave taken under Letter of Authorization employment, it is required that Form AMS 57 be filled out at the completion of the employment, showing the dates actually worked and dates employee was on leave. Where no leave is taken as in instances where the emergency of the work will not permit of the employee taking leave, AMS-57 is not required. However, it is required that a statement be submitted by the employee agreeing to the waiver of his leave. Form AMS 57 is not required in connection with leave taken under 90-day secretarial appointments.

2a. ECONOMY IN MAINTENANCE OF POST OFFICE BUILDINGS

Representatives in charge of field offices located in post office buildings should read an item appearing on Page 14 of The A.M.S. News dated August 1, 1941, under the above heading.

3a. PLACE ORDERS FOR ANTI-FREEZE

Due to a potential shortage in anti-freeze solutions during the coming winter, field representatives having need for this commodity are urged to place early orders to meet their requirements.

4a. REPLACEMENT OF OFFICIAL AUTOMOBILES

Our automobile purchasing privilege for the current fiscal year has been reduced by 25%. This means that, in order to stay within our prescribed limitation, careful consideration must be given to each replacement. The age and mileage record at which we will be permitted to replace cars during the current fiscal year has also been sharply increased and we are informed that this will again be drastically altered for the fiscal year 1943 and as long thereafter as the present emergency exists. All employees driving government-owned cars are therefore asked to cooperate in any way possible in preserving the life of our official automobiles, for replacement will become increasingly difficult.

5a. TIRE CHAINS

Request has been made by the various manufacturers of tire chains that the Procurement Division bring to the attention of the using agencies the situation with respect to tire chains, it being represented that the various manufacturers have a limited stock of wire rods on hand available for the manufacture of tire chains but that defense orders are being received in increasing volume that will shortly result in a curtailment of manufacture and ability to deliver.

In view of the representations made and because of the difficulties at present in securing delivery of supplies, it is suggested that ordering offices anticipate their requirements with respect to tire chains as much in advance as possible. This suggestion, however, should not be interpreted to mean that ordering offices should purchase in quantities in excess of their actual needs during the coming winter months. Orders should be placed through the Washington office.

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Martinsburg, W. Va.	835-B	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 2	April 15
Nampa, Idaho	940	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 25	Sept. 15
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples	Sept. 2	May 19
			Cabbage	" 2	Feb. 21
			Carrots	" 5	May 19
			Celery	" 4	Jan. 3
			Grapes	" 24	Oct. 18
			Onions	" 8	April 21
			Pears	" 8	Nov. 1
			Peaches	" 2	Sept. 27
			Potatoes	Oct. 10	May 5
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			Mixed Melons	" 25	" 27
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			Watermelons	" 16	July 26

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 J.B. Owens in Boston - H.S. Stiles on leave.
 R.M. Peterson in Baltimore - W.E. Harrison on leave.
 A.B. Farlinger on leave.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. EXPORT STATISTICS

Item 1b of the Division Letter dated June 27, 1941, stated "The Department of Commerce has advised that it will temporarily suspend publication of all detailed export statistics as to country of destination.* * *."

We are now advised that publication of data with reference to shipments from the continental United States to non-contiguous territories and possessions of the United States will be treated in the same manner as data on exports.

B.C. Boree

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-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. COLLECTING AND SCHEDULING TRAVEL EXPENSES - I M P O R T A N T

Attention is called to the fact that paragraph 6 of item 1f, appearing on page 98 of the Division Letter dated July 11, 1941, has been superseded by the second paragraph of item 1d, appearing in the Division Letter of August 8, 1941. This is important and should not be overlooked.

Paul M. Williams

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-REGULATORY SERVICE-

1e. MISBRANDING CASES

The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, under which all misbranding cases are now handled, reports that highly satisfactory results are being obtained. Many shipments misbranded as to grade or size are being remarked upon instructions of the Washington office, before the goods are offered for sale. Inspectors are requested to continue to cooperate with the Washington office of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act by reporting cases of this kind by wire addressed either to H.A. Spilman or T.C. Curry.

Wm. G. Neal

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. REPORTING DISCOLORED AREAS APPEARING ON SHOULDERS OF TOMATOES

Discolored areas on tomatoes that apparently follow mechanical injury have been prevalent on shipments from Cuba, Florida, Texas, Mississippi and Tennessee during the past two seasons, as well as on California and Mexican stock, where most of the damage of this type has occurred in previous years.

The various methods of describing this type of defect used on our certificate is apparently confusing to shippers and freight claim agents, and in the interest of uniformity such expressions as "discolored areas occurring principally over the shoulders" or "discolored, slightly sunken areas occurring on the shoulders" should be used instead of "shoulder bruises" or "shoulder scars" both of which convey the impression that they were apparent at packing time.

This type of defect should not be confused with skin checking or discoloration following it. Both types of damage are described in the supplement to the tomato section of the Inspector's Handbook dated May 1, 1939.

In answering the inquiries of freight claim agents, traffic adjustment agencies and others who often want to know the cause of the damage in order to fix responsibility, it should be explained that the damage is usually due to handling practices and not to any disease, also that while the actual abrasion usually occurs before packing, it is often so slight that it is unnoticed in grading and the discoloration and sinking of the areas are progressive, occur in transit, and even after arrival in the market.

Inquiries requiring more detailed or technical information than given in the Inspector's Handbook should be referred to the pathologist.

2f. CHANGES TO BE MADE IN CIRCULAR ENTITLED "INSTRUCTIONS COVERING THE ISSUANCE OF EXPORT FORM CERTIFICATES AND VARIOUS SANITARY MEMORANDA"

In the light of the information published in Circular 600 - MORTALITY OF THE APPLE MAGGOT IN FRUIT HELD IN COLD STORAGE, recently issued to all inspectors, the following changes should be made in the circular entitled "Instructions Covering the Issuance of Export Form Certificates and Various Sanitary Memoranda" issued October 15, 1939.

Change the figure "35 days" to "40 days" where it occurs in (1) the 4th paragraph on page 4; (2) in the second paragraph on page 5; (3) the first paragraph on page 9.

If the tolerances for spray residue given on page 2 have not already been changed, then change the figure .01 to .025 for arsenic and the figure .025 to .05 for lead.

3f. REVISED MARKET CIRCULAR ON SPINACH

A revised market circular dealing with the inspection of Spinach is enclosed for each fresh fruit and vegetable inspector. All copies of the old spinach circular issued April 30, 1931 should be destroyed immediately.

4f. CHANGES TO BE MADE IN THE CIRCULAR ENTITLED "CANADIAN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS"

In order to be in conformity with the regulations in force in the Province of Ontario and to conform to the latest Insert for the Canadian Fruit, Vegetable and Honey Act, copies of which have been supplied to all inspectors, the following changes should be made in the circular entitled "Canadian Import Requirements" issued May 15, 1941.

(1) At the end of the paragraph at the bottom of page 1, add "See D.L. 7/11/41. (2) In the last line of the fourth paragraph on page 4, change "1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches" to "1 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches." (3) In the sixth paragraph on page 4, change "1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches" to "1 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches" where it occurs twice. (4) Also in this same paragraph strike out the words "or Size B".

5f. COLLECTING AND SCHEDULING TRAVEL EXPENSES I M P O R T A N T

Attention is called to the fact that paragraphs 8 and 9 on page 98 of the Division Letter dated July 11, 1941, have been superseded by paragraph 4 appearing in item 1f of the Division Letter dated August 8, 1941. This is important and should not be overlooked.

6f. OFFICIAL GRADES FOR STANDARDIZATION OF COLORADO FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Accompanying this D.L. for each inspector, is a booklet published by the State of Colorado Division of Agriculture, under the title "Official Grades for the Standardization of Colorado Fruits and Vegetables."

7f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Foley, Alabama.

" Illinois peach reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 123-1/2
East Broadway, Centralia, Illinois

" Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

" Kansas potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Topeka,
Kansas.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon,
Nebraska.

" New Mexico (Grants) lettuce reports wire E.L. Ruch, 610 Security
Bldg., Phoenix, Arizona.

" Texas potato reports wire E.T. Longino, Federal-State Inspection
Service, Plainview, Texas.

" Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Onley, Va.

" West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection
Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Robert Bier

OFFICE NOTES

The Newark, N.J. inspection office, Harry M. Branch in charge, has moved to Room 103 Federal Building.

Evert J. Elvin, processed foods inspection, is now located in Room 236 Holland Building, Fresno, Calif.

Wm. C. Enterline has been assigned to assist with the market news work in the Philadelphia office, taking the place of H.F. McFeely, who has resigned to accept a position with the New Jersey Extension Service.

Another processed foods training class will open on August 25 at Philadelphia, under the direction of H.S. Stamp. John E. Dodds, of the Washington office will be present on the opening day to assist in starting the class.

The recent sudden illness of L.R. Gibson necessitated sending A.R. Pobjecky, of the Philadelphia office, to Portland, Maine, for the purpose of inspecting canned fish.

H.B. Swett has been transferred from the Philadelphia processed foods office to the Rochester, N.Y. office, succeeding G.W. Goddard.

C.H. Beasley is visiting points in Oregon and Washington, making arrangements for the inspection of large quantities of salmon at Seattle.

Recent visitors in the Washington office have included Miss Mary Schneidman, F.E. Kast and Mrs. Kast and G.R. Blount, all of the New York City office, R.C. Elliott, New Orleans, H.H. Duncan, Rochester, N.Y. and D.S. Matheson, Raleigh, N.C.

Floyd J. Weaver, has been appointed as an Agent (Jr. Inspector) in the processed foods office at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

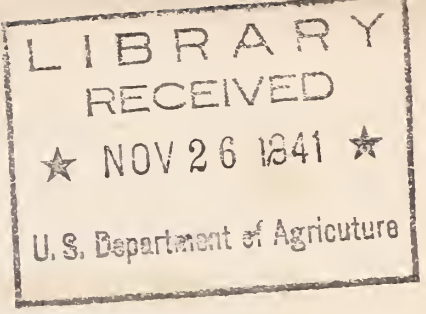
Fred C. Hartz, effective August 15, was appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist in the Chicago fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office.

Bernard L. Graff recently appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, is assisting in the Columbus fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office.

T.M. Ayres writes that he will be confined to St. Joseph's Hospital, Atlanta, for approximately two weeks, beginning August 21 and, thereafter, convalescent for approximately another two weeks, before returning to his official duties.

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. SUPPLY REQUISITIONS (SPECIAL ATTENTION)

The following paragraph appeared in the Division Letter dated November 29, 1940:

"Do not send requisitions for supplies direct to the Central Supply Section or the Procurement Section. Mail them direct to E. Mills, of this Division in whose office they are numbered, checked for accuracy and routed through proper channels for shipment of items listed. When these requisitions reach either of the above mentioned Sections prior to having passed through Mrs. Mills' office, it causes confusion and delay because the Supply Section or the Procurement Section will return them to the Division for approval before shipment is made."

The above instructions are not being strictly adhered to.

It is most essential that all requisitions be sent to Mrs. Mills' office direct, especially requisitions for all FPI forms, as a careful check is kept of all forms on hand so that printing orders may be placed far enough in advance to insure a good balance on hand at all times. When requisitions are not sent direct to Mrs. Mills' office, as has happened in several instances recently, these requisitions when filled by the Central Supply Section reduce the amount of the particular FPI form ordered thereby leaving a balance on hand different from the amount shown on the F. & V. records. As an instance, we were recently advised that there were no pads of FPI-2, 2a, 2b, Fee Slips, on hand in the Central Supply Section when according to F. & V. records there should have been 347 pads. Upon checking it was found that several requisitions requesting large amounts of this form had gone direct to the Procurement Office and thence to the Central Supply Section instead of to Mrs. Mills' office. A printing order for these forms had been placed on May 8, 1941 with apparently a large balance on hand. The Division now finds itself in the embarrassing position of none on hand and delivery from the Printing Office not due for several months.

Please bear in mind that original and five copies of all requisitions should be forwarded. Forms should be listed on separate requisitions and not included with miscellaneous supplies. All miscellaneous supplies should be listed in numerical order, showing the item number, description of article, quantity and unit as shown in the Stock List. For example should you desire 500 AMS white envelopes, 4-1/8x9-1/2 and 12 black Scripto pencils, your request should be listed on your requisition as follows:

Stock No.	Description of Article	Quantity	Unit
53-E-4316-50	Envelopes, mailing, white, AMS, 4-1/8x9-1/2	5	100
53-P-28700	Pencils, mechanical, Scripto, Black.	12	each.

2a. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO 1a - Use of Form AMS-53, Div. Letter, 8/8/41

1. - A Travel Order (Form AMS-53) is necessary for each calendar month for intermittent travel.
2. - A Travel Order (Form AMS-53) issued under Authorization-General (Form AD-204) formerly referred to as station, Letter of Authorization, and the account it accompanies should be signed by the Officer in Charge and indicate his title as Officer in Charge. A Travel Order (Form AMS-53) issued under Authorization-Travel (Form AD-202), formerly referred to as personal Letter of Authorization, should be signed by the officer issuing the order and his title should be shown on the Travel Order and account exactly as it appears on the Authorization-Travel (Form AD-202).
3. - No Travel Order (Form AMS-53) will be necessary to authorize travel of assistants other than by privately owned automobile.
4. - When a privately owned automobile is to be used and a Travel Order issued, the per diem rate or the specific rate, if different from that provided by the code, should be shown on the Travel Order, e.g. 1-AMS-A(2) or 1-AMS-A(7), and, if different from the code, show the amt., e.g. \$2.50, omitting the code.
5. - Form AMS-53 should be submitted to Washington in triplicate, one when Form AMS-53 is issued and two with the account.

With this Division Letter, there are enclosed per diem and mileage rate schedules as used by the Fruit and Vegetable Division together with sample copies of AMS-53

3a. USE OF OFFICIAL ENVELOPES FOR PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Quoted below is a memorandum from Mr. Hughes:

"It has been reported to the Administrative Office that a great many official envelopes are being used by our employees for personal correspondence. As this is an unauthorized use of Government property, the practice must be discontinued. Please bring this matter to the attention of the employees under your direction.

"It is also requested that so far as practicable personal mail be not sent to the office."

4a. PROCUREMENT DIVISION HAS NO CONTRACT WITH RICHFIELD OIL CORPORATION

The following quotes a circular letter from the Procurement Division:

"It has come to the attention of the Procurement Division that the Richfield Oil Corporation, Richfield Building, Los Angeles, California has published a price list schedule marked "General Schedule of Supplies" covering Richfield products and prices effective in the West Coast area, dated July 15, 1941, which has been distributed to certain Government Officials with the information that it can be used by Procurement Officers of governmental departments.

"The Richfield Oil Corporation has no contract with the Procurement Division and the reference to the General Schedule of Supplies and the issuance of any printed matter is not authorized.

"You are requested to govern yourselves accordingly."

5a. INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT UNDER LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

Enclosed with this Division Letter is a copy for each person in charge of an office Administration Memorandum No. 264 dated August 1, 1941 with attachments pertinent thereto, which contain revised instructions relative to employment under letter of authorization. This memorandum with attachments should be carefully read by those who handle the employment of temporary help and the instructions carefully followed.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS IN CALIFORNIA GRAPES AND CANTALOUPS

Some rather severe losses were taken by shippers last week and this brought about the loading holiday over the Labor Day period - an effort to bolster the general market situation of the deal. The close down was virtually 100% in the Sanger Section, but outside of that immediate section there were quite a few that insisted they had to keep loading because of commitments. Shipments did fall off quite a few cars, but hardly enough to make too profound an impression. Those that loaded seem to have done practically no f.o.b. selling, even though as the week closed the inquiry picked up appreciably and there are indications that with Tuesday's official resumption of loading they may get the market back up to an 80¢ base for Seedless. On the basis of their paying prices to farmers, 75¢ just about gets them out. A great deal of the tonnage seems to be going out on cost joints, but I understand this is not unusual.

The Tokay deal started during the week. There has been a wide range in the quality of first offerings and difficulties in meeting sugar test were quite serious most of the week. On one day it was reported as high as 25% of the harvested stock failed to pass sugar test. Most of this went to State markets with truckers paying 65¢ a lug at the packing plant. The trade looks for a crop of from 3200 to 3700 cars compared with last year's 5183. The hot weather in July is reported to have burned quite a few Tokays. Lately, the crop has suffered by the unusually cool nights and cloudy days. The season opened with a few cars selling as high as \$1.60 f.o.b., but demand was very limited. It is now reported a little more active around \$1.35, but there is stock available as low as \$1.20-1.25 on a quality basis. It is difficult to quote an accurate f.o.b. because the actual volume of selling is as yet quite limited. Most shippers and operators are optimistic for the long-pull on the Tokay deal because they feel that all the fundamental factors of supply and demand favor the crop.

There has been only limited trading so far on juice grapes -- none to speak of on Alicantes, fair on Zinfandels. Several table grape shippers endeavored to get started on juice stock during the loading holiday figuring on keeping their crews operative this way, but they report a general demand of such limited proportions that everything pointed to a roller deal and most shippers appear to have sad memories of rolling juice grapes of recent years.

I talked with some of the wineries about listing paying prices during the week, but they generally asked that we hold up until this coming week as actual volume of receipts as yet was not appreciable. Some question the wisdom of issuing these figures for a while yet, lest it tend to divert grapes away from the raisin trays to the wineries. There has been quite a campaign conducted on the radio and otherwise to encourage growers to dry heavily this year since the raisin price is so assured by the S.I.A. purchase program. The weather has not been right for drying operations and the wineries are afraid any undue publicity to winery prices will tend to encourage a disproportionate crush. They figure it will be possible to get ample supplies

INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS IN CALIFORNIA GRAPES AND CANTALOUPS (cont'd)

a little later when it will be too late to dry the raisins successfully so that a heavy drying operation now will safeguard the statistical balance of the deal between fresh shipping, raisins and wine which is essential to a successful seasonal operation. I drove through quite a bit of the territory over the Labor Day Holiday and noticed a lot of grapes on the drying boards so apparently growers are taking the advice seriously despite the rather unsatisfactory weather.

The cantaloup deal here came back with a bang to reports of severe damage from rain and hail in Colorado. Shipments have been quite light, chiefly reflecting the cool nights which have held back maturity of the crop. Since much of the crop in this territory is committed to "sponsors," this left very few cars available for sale. The trade that had been buying regularly around the \$1.50-1.60 range for Jumbo 36s and 45s stepped out of the picture at \$2.00, but speculative interests jumped in and absorbed everything available. The deal was quite excited for a while, but as the week closed, although high prices were maintained, the trade was rather nervous by virtue of the movement of quite a few cars from Colorado and the rather conservative f.o.b. wires from Rocky Ford which the trade chose to interpret as rather discounting the seriousness of the damage there as reported by Colorado shippers. There still remains a very hot local interest in honeydews, however, and while practically all of this is being handled on joint operations there is no questioning its activity.

There are all indications that cantaloup shipments will pick up quite a bit this coming week. New fields are coming into bearing both in the Mendota-Firebaugh section and also over at Los Banos. Interest is so great from the success of operations so far this season, growers generally talk of a material expansion of the local deal for another year and it is locally believed many of the Imperial shippers who for years have been transferring their late operations to Colorado will turn this way instead and greatly increase the commercial size of the Upper San Joaquin Valley deal. (J.A.Hunter 9/1/41)

2b. REPORT OF VEGETABLE SHIPMENTS FROM THE SALINAS-WATSONVILLE DISTRICT -
(Week of Aug.-23-29):

Lettuce: Loadings increased considerably over the preceding 7 day period as "second crop" plantings came into general production. Yields were considerably in excess of expectations with a large proportion of large sizes. Quality ranged from mostly fair to some good, with most stock rather rough and ribby and some loose and puffy from rapid growth. Some tipburn was present in many lots but in most cases was not of a serious nature. Present indications point to a continued heavy movement next week. Demand was fairly good for best stock early in the period but was rather slow on fair quality. However, declining f.o.b. prices as the period progressed and high markets in the east caused an active demand to develop the last two days.

Carrots: Shipments were light throughout the week with loadings limited to best available quality. Considerable ordinary quality was available for harvest but was left in the fields account of lack of demand for poor stock. There was a fairly good demand throughout the week for best stock at \$1.75-2.00 per crate f.o.b. cash track.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Mich. 205 P.O. Bldg.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples	Aug. 10	Nov. 5
			Peaches	" 10	Sept. 20
			Pears	" 21	Oct. 18
			Onions	Sept. 11	" 31
			Grapes	" 22	" 15
			Potatoes	Oct. 1	" 31
*Fresno, Calif. 323 Holland Bldg.	919	J.A.Hunter	Grapes	Aug. 1	Nov. 12
Martinsburg, W.Va.	835-B	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 8	April 15
Payette, Idaho	940	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Sept. 2	Sept. 23
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples	Sept. 2	May 19
			Cabbage	" 2	Feb. 21
			Carrots	" 2	May 19
			Celery	" 2	Jan. 3
			Grapes	" 24	Oct. 18
			Onions	" 2	April 21
			Pears	" 2	Nov. 1
			Peaches	" 4	Sept. 27
			Potatoes	Oct. 10	May 5
Rocky Ford, Colo.	821-G	R.E.Winfrey	Cantaloups	Aug. 25	Sept. 27
			Mixed Melons	" 25	" 27
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
THE FOLLOWING STATION CLOSED ON THE DATE INDICATED					
*Centralia, Ill.	939	P.A.Nicholson	Peaches	Aug. 21	Aug. 29
THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED					
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 25	April 17
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Sept. 22	June 20
*Presque Isle, Me. Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 18	April 30
*State cooperating					

W.J.Chastain in Denver - Bryce Morris on leave.
 Aaron Stambaugh in Cincinnati - W.H.Mosier on leave.
 J.B.Owens in Pittsburgh - J.K. Boyd on leave.
 A.E.Prugh on leave.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JULY, 1941.

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Alabama	171	Minnesota	3
Arizona	333	Mississippi	146½
Arkansas	615	Montana	48
California	6811½	Nebraska	407
Colorado	1220½	New Jersey	46
Delaware	126	New York	122
Florida	1008	North Carolina	1489
Georgia	8123	North Dakota	3
Idaho	946½	Ohio	148
Illinois	112½	Oklahoma	80
Indiana	114	Oregon	752½
Iowa	195	Pennsylvania	2
Kansas	496½	South Carolina	3482
Kentucky	89	Texas	507
Louisiana	107	Utah	100*
Maryland	512	Virginia	4507
Massachusetts	2	Washington	989½
Michigan	325	West Virginia	11
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>34,151</u>

The following reports not yet received - Missouri, Tennessee

Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: California 70, Georgia 468.

*There were 373 trucklots aggregating 3,964,851 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JULY, 1941</u>					
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>
<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>		
Albany	17	34	Minneapolis	26	21
Atlanta	74	19	Newark	57	19
Baltimore	25	13	New Haven	24	19
Boston	292	304	New Orleans	51	67
Buffalo	134	100	New York	509	598
Chicago	234	175	Norfolk	6	20
Cincinnati	35	22	Oklahoma City	2	3
Cleveland	117	178	Orlando	1	0
Columbus	51	50	Philadelphia	271	185
Denver	30	35	Pittsburgh	284	195
Detroit	293	319	Portland	8	11
East Providence	-	27	Raleigh	1*	-
Fort Worth	9	6	Rochester	30	52
Harrisburg	6	0	Sacramento	1*	0
Hartford	42	41	St. Louis	31	43
Houston	18	87	Salt Lake City	4	6
Indianapolis	15	7	San Francisco	0	1
Jacksonville	28	32	Seattle	77	5
Kansas City	19	48	Trenton	5	5
Los Angeles	4	4	Washington, D.C.	14	23
Memphis	2	-	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2896</u>	<u>2806</u>
Milwaukee	49	32	Total fees assessed for		Total last yr.
			July, 1941, \$10,558.97		\$10,339.04

2073 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.

* Not included in June.

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

July 1941

Cities	Navy	Hospitals:	Veterans': Quartermaster Corps	Marine & Guard & Public Health & Other	Coast & Maritime: Com- missional center:	Agencies:	Federal Institutions:	State County & City Steamship Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,722	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	303,360	-
Chicago	52,655	9,080	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit	91,389	16,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	1,086,955	67,495	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	56,369	324,904	1,446,156	-	-	-	75,759	-
Milwaukee	-	123,587	-	-	-	-	148,034	-
Newark	32,399	71,892	-	-	-	-	146,803	-
New York	1,404,251	152,291	88,127	70,944	196,431	9,131	1,926,381	718,180
Norfolk	1,191,210	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	552,717	62,265	49,123	-	-	-	250,962	-
Pittsburgh	-	45,490	-	-	-	-	16,674	-
St. Louis	8,965	35,951	16,659	-	-	-	231,794	-
San Diego	2,003,238	-	617,624	6,413	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	2,739,650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seattle	-	-	-	-	-	70,241	-	-
Vallejo	634,175	-	46,671	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	10,532	-	-	-	-	42,547	-	-
TOTAL	9,825,105	909,455	2,264,360	77,357	196,431	121,919	3,177,989	718,180
GRAND TOTAL	17,290,796	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

For New Mexico (Grants) lettuce reports wire E.L. Ruch, 610 Security Bldg.,
Phoenix, Arizona.

For Texas potato reports wire H.T. Longino, Federal-State Inspection
Service, Plainview, Texas.

For Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Onley, Virginia.

For West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection
Service, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

R.R. Pailthorp

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OFFICE NOTES:

Leonard S. Fenn, in charge of processed foods inspection work in Chicago, advises that his official address is Room 301-303, 1421 So. Aberdeen St., Chicago, Ill., office telephone, Canal 6353, extension 8. His residence address is 611 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, Ill. Residence phone, Village 2546.

John L. Ebert advises his home address is Mandarin, Fla. Residence telephone, Mandarin 2463. Mail address, Route 6, Box 78 E, Jacksonville, Fla.

Walter D. Lurry of the Baton Rouge inspection office is relieving C.D. Shirley at Houston, Texas while the latter is on a month's leave which began August 28.

We are glad to report that F.M. Lyle of the Kansas City inspection office is recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident. It is expected he will resume his duties about September 15.

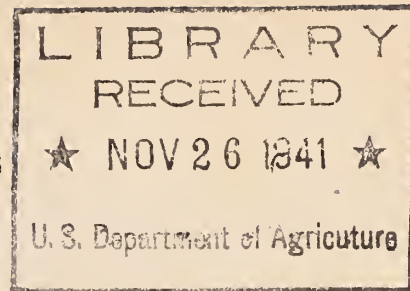
Fred W. Luffman has reopened the Miami, Florida inspection office. Office and residence address will be the same, which is 1003 S.W. 12th Avenue, phone 3-6176.

Mrs. A.E. Powell of the Chicago market news office has tendered her resignation to take effect after a period of annual leave. Mrs. Ruth Johnson, formerly Miss Ruth Liljegren, also of the market news office will take over Mrs. Powell's work.

W.G. Lensen, in charge of the Chicago PACA office, advises his residence address should be shown as 725 Erie Street, Oak Park, Illinois instead of 232 Oak Park Avenue which is the office address of the apartment building.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATION FOR LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION EMPLOYEES

The following instructions have been received from our Business Office under date of September 9, 1941:

"Administrative Memorandum No. 272, Supplement No. 11, 'Personnel Actions,' requires the divisions when forwarding green sheet recommendations, Form AMS-12, to the Personnel Office, for Secretarial appointments, to furnish therewith properly executed statements and affidavits on Standard Form No. 47 and AMS Form No. 58 relative to membership in subversive organizations and citizenship requirements as provided in the current Agricultural Appropriation Act. The purpose of that memorandum is to eventually remove from Certifying and Approving Officers the responsibility of determining that the eligibility factors referred to above have been complied with in each new Secretarial appointment, thereby eliminating the necessity of maintaining certain records in field offices which would otherwise be required to support the payroll certification.

"With reference to Letter of Authorization employees, it will be the sole responsibility of the Certifying Officer to secure and examine for correctness Standard Form No. 47, 'Personnel Affidavit,' for all Letter of Authorization employees and Form AMS-58, 'Affidavit as to Citizenship,' for those Letter of Authorization employees serving for a period of 30 days or more. The Certifying Officer will maintain a record of these forms for this type of employee in order that he may properly certify their payrolls. After recording, these forms should be submitted to the Chief Fiscal Officer, Washington, D.C. It will no longer be necessary to submit these forms through the Approving Officer as Approving Officers are hereby relieved of the responsibility of determining the eligibility of employees to receive compensation from our appropriation insofar as the restrictive elements referred to herein are concerned." Form AMS-58 will no longer be required for 30-day L.A. employees.

2a. ENDORISING CHECKS FOR EMPLOYEES FOR DEPOSIT

An item appearing on Page 13 of The A.M.S. News, dated September 2, 1941, under the above heading, should be read by all officers in charge of field offices. Officers in charge should not endorse for deposit a salary check of employees, but should be guided by instructions appearing in the above mentioned item.

3a. NONDELIVERY OF REQUESTED SUPPLIES - Attention All Field Offices.

Please advise the Washington office (Attention Mrs. Mills) at once regarding supply requisitions in connection with which delivery has been unduly delayed, giving date and project to which charged.

- MARKET NEWS SERVICE -

1b. CHANGES ON THE D PAGES OF THE CODE

(Effective September 27)

On the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code change

DON Shenandoah-Cumberland Potomac Dist., to read

Don Winchester, Va., Martinsburg, W. Va., and nearby points

This is being added in order to make the description for this apple area agree with that now being used by Mr. Peterson in the local producing section news included in the daily report published at Martinsburg.

2b. QUOTING PEANUT FUTURES:

Peanut prices in most cities are brokers' sales or quotations and represent f.o.b. prices plus all transportation charges, as selling commissions are taken care of by the shipper. Often brokers will quote not only for early shipment but for shipment several months ahead.

But such prices are not desired for the peanut report. Reporters should confine their prices to sales for prompt or early shipment. This would eliminate the quoting of new crop Runners, for example, several weeks before these peanuts are available for shipment.

The only exception to this policy is at the end of the season when old crop stocks may be completely exhausted. In this case, the new crop prices can be quoted, but the month of shipment should always be mentioned. For example, "new crop Runners No. 1, October shipment 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb."

If old and new crop peanuts should both be selling at the same time for prompt shipment at different prices, as is now the case with new crop Southeastern Spanish, prices on both new and old crop stock should be included in the peanut wire.

3b. CONSERVE MINEOGRAPH PAPER

The contract price of mimeograph paper will, by December 31, have increased 88% since June 30, 1941, and may be increased to as much as 100% on January 1, 1942. Furthermore we have no assurance that it may not become quite difficult to secure adequate future supplies even at these higher prices. It is imperative therefore that each city and field office immediately study his local situation and see whether it is possible to conserve paper by a better utilization of space on his mimeographed reports. This might be accomplished by condensing wherever possible the material on the stencils, eliminating blank spaces or sides and also eliminating material or reports not actually essential. For a time during the World War in 1916, 1917 and 1918 it was necessary to restrict each city and field office to a daily one sheet report. Such drastic action should be avoided this time if possible, but to do so will require the cooperation of all.

4b. ABBREVIATIONS OF STATE NAMES:

So many different abbreviations of State names are being used by our offices that it seems well to repeat the following abbreviations which are used by the Post Office Department and will therefore be considered as standard for our reports. This is copied from Par. 222 in the Handbook. Stencil cutters should read the other paragraphs in this section of the Handbook referring to other abbreviations, punctuation, spelling, etc.

Ala.	Alabama	Mont.	Montana
Ariz.	Arizona	Nebr.	Nebraska
Ark.	Arkansas	Nev.	Nevada
Calif.	California	N.H.	New Hampshire
Colo.	Colorado	N.J.	New Jersey
Conn.	Connecticut	N.Mex.	New Mexico
Del.	Delaware	N.Y.	New York
D.C.	District of Columbia	N.C.	North Carolina
Fla.	Florida	N.Dak.	North Dakota
Ga.	Georgia	Ohio	Ohio
Idaho	Idaho	Okla.	Oklahoma
Ill.	Illinois	Oreg.	Oregon
Ind.	Indiana	Pa.	Pennsylvania
Iowa	Iowa	R.I.	Rhode Island
Kansas	Kansas	S.C.	South Carolina
Ky.	Kentucky	S.Dak.	South Dakota
La.	Louisiana	Tenn.	Tennessee
Me.	Maine	Tex.	Texas
Md.	Maryland	Utah	Utah
Mass.	Massachusetts	Vt.	Vermont
Mich.	Michigan	Va.	Virginia
Minn.	Minnesota	Wash.	Washington
Miss.	Mississippi	W.Va.	West Virginia
Mo.	Missouri	Wis.	Wisconsin
		Wyo.	Wyoming

B.C. Boree

OFFICE NOTES:

W.E. Phillips, in charge of the New Haven, Connecticut, inspection office advises, under date of September 16, that his new residence address is #359 Elm Street, West Haven, Connecticut. Residence telephone: New Haven 9-4287-N.

Grover Clyde, in charge of the Milwaukee inspection office, is on leave September 23-October 9.

Wm. G. Meal left Washington on September 14 for a field trip of approximately 14 days in the States of Florida, Louisiana and Texas.

Paul H. Williams is also on a field trip in the States of Florida, Louisiana and Texas, September 16-27.

Robert Bier has been out of the Washington office during the current week, travelling in several of the Southern States in connection with the vast Surplus Marketing Administration peanut marketing program now in progress. Mr. Bier will return within the coming week.

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Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 17
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
Martinsburg, W.Va. Public Square	835-B	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 16	April 15
*Presque Isle, Me. Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 16	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples	Sept. 2	May 19
			Cabbage	" 2	Feb. 21
			Carrots	" 2	May 19
			Celery	" 2	Jan. 3
			Grapes	" 24	Oct. 18
			Onions	" 2	April 21
			Pears	" 2	Nov. 1
			Peaches	" 4	Sept. 27
			Potatoes	Oct. 10	May 5
Rocky Ford, Colo.	821-G	R.E.Winfrey	Cantaloups	Aug. 25	Sept. 20
			Mixed Melons	" 25	" 20
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
<u>THE FOLLOWING STATION WILL CLOSE ON THE DATE INDICATED</u>					
Payette, Idaho	940	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Sept. 2	Sept. 20
*State cooperating					

W.J.Chastain on leave.

Aaron Stambaugh on leave.

J.B.Owens in Pittsburgh - J.K.Boyd on leave.

A.E.Prugh on leave.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

- 1f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION
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 Service, Warsaw, Indiana.
- " Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
 Nebraska.
- " New Mexico (Grants) lettuce reports wire E.L. Ruch, 610 Security
 Bldg., Phoenix, Arizona.
- " Texas potato reports wire H.T. Longino, Federal-State Inspection
 Service, Plainview, Texas.
- " Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection
 Service, Onley, Virginia.
- " West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection
 Service, Martinsburg, West Virginia.
- " Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
 Nebraska.

- 2f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS
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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| L & L Brokerage Company | Trimble Bldg.
Omaha, Nebraska | \$25.61 |
| Victor Anthony | Weyauwega, Wisconsin | 5.08 |
| Pyramid Produce Company | 147-94th Ave.,
Jamaica, N.Y. | 17.50 |

3f. ENCLOSURE:

Copy of California Senate Bill No. 659, accompanies this D.L. for each inspector. This bill gives the new grades for California apples.

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OFFICE NOTES:

A.R. Spiker is expected to leave Washington about September 23 for a field trip of approximately 25 days in the States of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. Mr. Spiker will confer with representatives of railroad and express companies relative to reports to be furnished by these companies to the Livestock, Dairy, and Fruit and Vegetable Divisions of the Service in connection with its market news activities.

L.W. Brewer, in charge of the Salt Lake City inspection office, advises under date of September 5, that his office in the State Capitol Building has been moved to the fourth floor, with no room number assigned. Accordingly, Mr. Brewer asks that all mail should now be addressed to him c/o State Department of Agriculture, State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah.

- STANDARDIZATION & RESEARCH -

1c. CHANGES IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR POTATOES

Copies of the revised potato standards have been mailed each inspector. The principal changes in the Standards, effective October 10, 1941, are as follows:

The application of tolerances statement has been reworded so as to delete reference to packages containing 15 specimens and one defective tuber is permitted in any package regardless of the number of potatoes contained therein.

U.S. Fancy now requires that potatoes be free from wireworm injury and blight instead of free from injury by these defects.

U.S. Extra No. 1 and U.S. No. 1 grades are also required to be free from blight instead of free from damage by this defect. This does not change former shipping-point practice but in receiving markets all potatoes affected with blight will be scored under the 6 percent tolerance unless followed by soft decay when they will be scored as decay under the 1 percent tolerance.

Wireworm is now specifically mentioned as a grade factor in all grades and new definitions of damage and serious damage have been added to the standards with a view to getting a more uniform interpretation of this factor, as well as grassroot and similar injury, by inspectors and graders. It is not intended, however, that flea beetle and tuber moth injury shall be regarded as similar injury and handled under the new definitions.

Another grade factor "internal discoloration" is now included in all grades and is defined in definition 5. It will also be noted that the new standards permit the 5 percent additional tolerance for damage and serious damage by hollow heart to also apply to tubers affected with various types of internal discoloration except black-heart.

The tolerance in U.S. Commercial grade has been slightly reworded for clarity purposes, but the former interpretation is not changed.

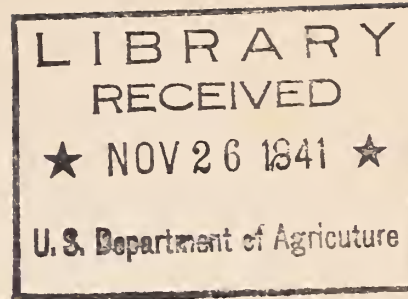
The tolerance for undersize has been changed to 3 percent except for potatoes packed to meet a minimum size of $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches or more in diameter or 6 ounces or larger in weight, when as formerly 5 percent undersize is permitted.

A new definition for serious damage by cuts is included for clarity purposes but it is not intended that the former interpretation of serious damage by this defect will be changed.

R.R. Pailthorp

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WASHINGTON, D.C.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. LOAN OF VEHICLES DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON

The following is quoted from a recent letter received from the Post Office Department:

"It will be appreciated if you will have the necessary instructions issued to your representatives having custody over vehicles suitable and available for postal purposes during the coming Christmas season, in order that they may be in possession of the necessary authority to act when contacted by postmasters.

"The Department will be grateful for every possible assistance you may be able to render in placing at the disposal of the postal service as many vehicles as possible for this special purpose. Owing to present conditions, it is anticipated that the demand for vehicles in the postal service this year will be greater than ever before, hence the urgent appeal for your assistance to the fullest extent."

It is suggested that each office to which a Government-owned automobile has been assigned, cooperate with the request of the Post Office Department or Federal Business Associations in every way possible consistent with the proper functioning of the office.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. FURTHER CHANGES IN ABBREVIATIONS OF STATE NAMES:

According to the latest Style Manual of the Government Printing Office the abbreviations of State names in item 4b in the September 19 Division Letter, and copied from paragraph 222 in the Handbook, contained two errors. The abbreviations for Maine and Kansas were incorrect.

The approved form follows:

Maine	Maine
Kansas	Kans.

Please make these changes both in your September 19 Division Letter and in Paragraph 222 in the Handbook. In the latter also change the abbreviation for New Mexico from N.M. to N.Mex.

2b. ATTENTION TEMPORARY FIELD STATION MEN

Please time letters reporting activities and conditions in the producing area served by your field station so that they will reach the Washington office at least one day and preferably two days preceeding the date of the Division Letter which is published every other Friday. For example: This D.L. is dated October 3; the next issue will be dated October 17; the following one will be dated October 31, etc.

The last issue of the Division Letter was dated September 19. On September 24 we received a field station letter dated September 22 - obviously too late for the September 19th issue of the D.L. and too "stale" for publication in this issue.

This matter has been brought to the attention of field men several times.

3b. WISCONSIN POTATOES

Rains have delayed harvesting of potatoes in the earlier Antigo section, causing losses ranging as high as twenty-five percent in some fields. However, the yields in that section are generally good. Reports received this morning indicate that about 1000 acres remain to be harvested in that area, with digging being retarded by a scarcity of labor. Warehouses around Antigo are filled to capacity, with shippers anticipating that they will receive a better price later in the season than that now offered.

Harvesting is getting under way in the later Waupaca section, following a killing frost Sunday night (Sept. 28). Fields here look much better than last year, although some blight has been observed. The acreage planted to the Chippewa and Katahdin varieties has been increased, with a corresponding reduction in plantings of the Rural varieties. The Chippewa seems to be especially favored, although this variety has been found less resistant to scab than the thick-skinned Rural varieties. The Katahdin seems to be especially susceptible to hollow heart under Wisconsin conditions. (Paul A. Nicholson, 9/30/41)

4b. CALIFORNIA GRAPES AND RAISINS

From the standpoint of tonnage auctioned, this was the heaviest week of the season so far and strangely enough the price structure firmed instead of weakened. The week's average for the 421,775 packages auctioned was \$1.46, 1¢ better than last week and 6¢ better than two weeks ago. At shipping point, after nearly two weeks of very poor business, the situation opened up both on table and juice. By Wednesday, practically all the Seedless in sight for the week (of reasonably good quality) was booked solid for 85¢ and a few shippers who had available supplies were able to get 90, 95 and occasionally 97½¢ for this variety. One party sold some Clusters for \$1.07½. Tokays were steadily on the upgrade all week and most shippers had \$1.00 ideas daily which they generally compromised to around the 90-95¢ range by the close of the trading period.

Generally speaking, it is the trade's idea that Seedless will maintain its present level on girdled stock for the next ten days, then be through except for supplies out of storage. The trend to storage at the present time is quite pronounced and there are quite a few more firms setting up storages this year than in the past. This might have the effect of reducing the movement for the next ten days to around 60-65 cars of Seedless and of prolonging the deal. As of the 15th, only around 200 cars were in California storage. The trade has pretty strong ideas on the wind-up of the deal.

Shipments of Tokays have been quite heavy, but movement out of concentration has been held to 80 cars lately and the demand for these has been good. Tokay shippers insist the movement is about 65 to 70% completed, but they also admit there is nothing like a strong market to "grow tonnage," so that many actually feel that the season's estimate of 3500 cars (compared with 5183 last year) may be low by at least 500 cars. Future weather is an important factor, however, in any estimate on this crop. Buyers say present quality is quite good, much better than that at the early period of the deal when the stock did not seem to be carrying very well. All admit that a half inch of rain would shut the deal out quickly, but the "long rangers" among the weather forecasters claim there is none in sight.

The Emperor deal is ready to start sometime this coming week. A few lots have been going out in mixed cars but most of these appear to have been so called U.S. No. 1s culled out of the U.S. Fancies that have either gone to San Francisco in chests for export or to storage. A few parties, however, are packing straight packs and are selling these mostly for \$1.10. An occasional straight car sells for \$1.00. There has been a lively interest this week in price shopping for block sales. One party reports the sale of a 10-car block for \$1.10 basis U.S. No. 1, and this seems to be the general asking price for this quality. For U.S. Fancies they ask \$1.35 delivered in storage at shipping point. Some offer to guarantee out quality for 120 days for another nickel, although most specify storage at buyer's risk, offering free re-loading if shipper's storage plants are employed for the holding period. So far (through September 25) only 32 cars have gone forward compared with 38 a year ago. I find very few shippers willing to hazard a guess on the prospective season's movement this early. Many of them are very nervous about contracting their packing needs from vineyardists in view of the high ideas prevailing.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES AND RAISINS (cont'd)

Juice stock was firm during the week, **as was table.** Several important eastern factors visited in the territory during this period and some fairly sizeable **joint accounts** are reported to have been made on Alicantes, Muscats and Carignanes very close to the present cash market of \$37.50-40.00 per ton. This seems to have given the market a base, something that it has lacked up to the present time and it has certainly put spirit into the shippers who previously were quite pessimistic. Cooler weather in the east is reported to have greatly improved the demand and, of course, the fact that shipments and receipts in the terminals have been much lighter than a year ago are helpful, firming factors. Only very light stocks of Zinfandels have been available around this immediate territory, but there has been a good movement of these from around Lodi, mostly around \$50.00 a ton in open lugs.

The wineries ran at full capacity this past week - in fact had considerable difficulty in keeping down the congestion of loaded trucks in their unloading yards. They maintained unchanged prices of \$17.50 for Seedless, Malagas and Sultanas, \$20.00 for Muscats, \$17.50-18.50 for Alicantes and generally \$20.00 for other blacks. In the dry wine territory, around Healdsburg, Napa, Sonoma, etc., prices for Blacks and Reds were reported as \$22.50 and for Whites as \$30.00-31.00. Some varieties and sizeable lots that permitted of a good run brought slight premiums over these figures.

Not many new crop raisins have been delivered in yet and growers generally have appeared rather cautious about making commitments either to Packers or the F.S.C.C. anticipating possible further firmness in the situation. The F.S.C.C. reported during the week the acceptance of offers of 16,012 tons. An additional purchase offer has been made to growers at the same price levels of \$75.00 per ton for Thompsons and Muscats, \$70.00 for Sultanas. Packers appeared to be bettering these prices for Muscats and Sultanas by around \$5.00 per ton during the week and contracting some stocks. The weather generally has been quite favorable to drying operations. (J.A.Hunter, 9/28/41)

B. C. Boree

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Mich. 205 P.O. Bldg.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples	Aug. 10	Nov. 5
			Peaches	" 10	Sept. 20
			Pears	" 21	Oct. 18
			Onions	Sept. 11	" 31
			Grapes	" 22	" 15
			Potatoes	Oct. 1	" 31
*Fresno, Calif. 323 Holland Bldg.	919	J.A.Hunter	Grapes	Aug. 1	Nov. 12
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 17
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			Pears	" 2	Nov. 1
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			Potatoes	Oct. 6	May 5
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31

THE FOLLOWING STATION CLOSED ON THE DATE INDICATED

Rocky Ford, Colo.	821-G	R.E.Winfrey	Cantaloups	Aug. 25	Sept. 20
			Mixed Melons	" 25	" 20

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W.J.Chastain on leave
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-STANDARDIZATION AND RESEARCH-

1c. NEW POTATO STANDARDS NOT TO GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL JUNE 1, 1942

The following Press Release was issued on October 3, 1941:

"The present United States standards for potatoes which were to have been superseded by revised standards on October 10, 1941, will remain in effect until June 1, 1942, the United States Department of Agriculture announced today.

"During the last few weeks, futures trading in potatoes has been unusually active. Under the Commodity Exchange Act, trading in the futures market in old-grade potato futures contracts must be confined to liquidation on and after the effective date of the new standards. Placing the new standards in effect at this time, Department officials believe, might result in market congestion and attendant price disturbance in the futures market."

2c. REVISION OF U.S. CITRUS STANDARDS

Separate U.S. Standards for Tangerines, effective September 29, 1941 are being issued for the first time. Formerly tangerines were graded in conformity with the U.S. Standards for Citrus Fruits. Experience has indicated that defects permitted on oranges and grapefruit appeared far more unsightly on tangerines.

In the new tangerine standards all grades have been made more strict, particularly color requirements of grades above U.S. No. 3. Another important change is the reduction of the number of grades from 12 to 7, due to the elimination of No. 1 Bright, No. 1 Golden, No. 1 Russet, No. 2 Bright, and Combination Russet.

A revision of the U.S. Standards for Citrus Fruits, effective September 29, 1941 is also made at this time in order to remove all references to tangerines. No other changes have been made in these standards.

3c. CHANGES IN THE U.S. STANDARDS FOR SHALLOTS

The Shallot grades have been changed to become effective October 3, 1941. These standards provide a more lenient requirement regarding the presence of loose outer skins. Fairly well trimmed shallots do not permit more than three shallots attached together. The former standards permitted only two. The explanatory material in the definitions for "Well trimmed," "Fairly well trimmed," "Damage," and "Serious Damage" has been changed so as to improve the arrangement of the text.

R.R. Pailthorp

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. UNPAID BILLS

All offices were mailed a complete list of unpaid bills on August 1. If your copy has not been received will you please advise the Washington office. Additions and deletions to this list appear in the Division Letter from time to time. Space has been provided so that additions can be made to the list as they appear in subsequent issues of the Division Letter.

In several instances inspections have been made for firms whose names appear on the "Unpaid" list. Receiving market offices are cautioned to check the list and to refuse service unless payment is received for the outstanding account plus advance payment for the inspection requested.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

" New Mexico (Grants) lettuce reports wire E.L. Ruch, 610 Security Bldg., Phoenix, Arizona.

" Texas potato reports wire H.T. Longino, Federal-State Inspection Service, Plainview, Texas.

" Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Virginia.

" West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

3f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTSProcessed Foods

Midfield Packers	Olympia, Washington	\$6.70
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Midwest Cannery Exch.	Muskogee, Oklahoma	50.60
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F & V Inspection

Wilson and Sawyer	Southern Produce Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	13.02
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4f. U.S. STANDARDS RECENTLY ISSUED FOR POTATOES - BUNCHED SHALLOTS - TANGERINES - CITRUS FRUITS

There has recently been mailed to each inspector copies of U.S. Standards for Potatoes - Revised, Effective Oct. 10, 1941; Bunched Shallots - Effective Oct. 3, 1941; Tangerines - Effective Sept. 29, 1941; Citrus Fruits - Effective Sept. 29, 1941.

5f. ENCLOSURE

Accompanying this D.L. for each inspector, is a booklet entitled "Marketing Maine Potatoes."

Robert Bier

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR CANNED PRODUCTS

Many of the specifications for canned products are undergoing revision by the Provisions Committee of the Federal Specifications Executive Committee. AMS standards for canned products are being used extensively in these revisions. The pertinent paragraph appears in the recently promulgated specifications for canned tomatoes and carrots:

"Unless otherwise specified under section H, the interpretation of requirements (descriptive terms) contained in paragraphs E-1 to E-5 inclusive shall be in accordance with the 'United States Standards for Grades of Canned ***' established by the United States Department of Agriculture in effect on date of invitation for bids."

It is expected that as new specifications are developed similar provisions will be included.

2d. REVISION OF UNITED STATES STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF CANNED BEETS ISSUED

The Processed Foods Section recently issued a revision of the United States Standards for Grades of Canned Beets which were effective on October 1, 1941. These standards supersede those which have been in effect since July 1, 1940. The three major changes in the present standards are as follows: (1) Specific color requirements have been omitted, (2) "Orange cut" beets, a new type of cut style beets, have been included, and (3) cut beets may now be graded A.

The Surplus Marketing Administration has issued invitations for bids on large quantities of this commodity. In this purchasing program the new AMS grades will be used as a basis for purchase.

Paul M. Williams

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING AUGUST, 1941

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Alabama	58	Montana	31
Arkansas	139	Nebraska	507
California	5768	New Jersey	412
Delaware	119	New York	419
Georgia	486	North Dakota	118
Florida	4	Ohio	151
Idaho	2370	Oregon	1744
Illinois	590	Oklahoma	125
Indiana	96	Pennsylvania	197
Iowa	25	South Carolina	2512
Kansas	73	South Dakota	15
Kentucky	133 $\frac{1}{2}$	Texas	529
Louisiana	299	Utah	212*
Maine	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Virginia	691
Maryland	128	Washington	1267
Massachusetts	18	West Virginia	48
Michigan	997 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wisconsin	75
Minnesota	144 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wyoming	1
		Total	20,506

* There were 661 trucklots aggregating 3,225,420 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Colorado, New Mexico, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: California 17, New Jersey 270, Ohio 8, Utah 27, and West Virginia 63.

In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following markets for the S.M.A. in the amount indicated: Philadelphia 94 cars.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING AUGUST, 1941

<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>
<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>		
Albany	29	8	Milwaukee	37	28
Atlanta	31	37	Minneapolis	30	47
Baltimore	17	10	Newark	18	9
Boston	189	188	New Haven	17	9
Buffalo	79	58	New Orleans	90	81
Chicago	139	205	New York	228	527
Cincinnati	29	23	Norfolk	4	4
Cleveland	90	71	Oklahoma City	5	11
Columbus	33	45	Philadelphia	150	201
Denver	18	19	Pittsburgh	206	120
Detroit	141	215	Portland	12	12
East Providence	-	4	Rochester	7	11
Fargo	1	1	St. Louis	29	49
Fort Worth	12	7	Salt Lake City	0	3
Harrisburg	3	0	San Francisco	0	1
Hartford	16	23	Seattle	55	4
Houston	21	34	Tampa	3	0
Indianapolis	10	9	Trenton	1	0
Jacksonville	30	28	Washington, D.C.	18	5
Kansas City	38	47	Total	1844	2156
Los Angeles	7	2	Total fees assessed for		Total last year
Memphis	1*	-	August, 1941, \$7,214.94		\$7,747.25

1282 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.

* Closed August 1-20.

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

August 1941

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OFFICE NOTES:

L.W. Brewer, in charge of the Salt Lake City inspection office, advises that he has been assigned a new room number which is 416 State Capitol. This change should be shown on all address lists.

G. Woodrow Liddell, advises that all mail for the Fayetteville, Arkansas, office should be addressed to P. O. Box 38, University Station, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

W.W. Anderson, in charge of the Baton Rouge, Louisiana office, asks that all address lists be corrected to show his address as follows: Office: 2401 State Capitol Building. Telephone 3-2707. Residence: 414 Oakwood Drive. Telephone: 3-5160.

W.W. Morrison will leave Washington about October 6, for a period of approximately 1 month, for the purpose of making a study of methods of packing apples in apple boxes. This study will be conducted in various points in the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

John W. Dykes, in charge of the Los Angeles PACA office, being on annual leave, was a recent visitor in the Washington office.

John E. Dodds of the Washington processed foods section left on September 30 for Georgia and Florida points. Mr. Dodds will meet with various canners in that territory who have indicated an interest in having the continuous inspection service in their plants during the coming season. He will be away for approximately two weeks.

Russell C. Meehan of the San Francisco processed foods office left on October 1 to go to Salt Lake City where he will assist L.W. Brewer with canned goods inspections for the next few months.

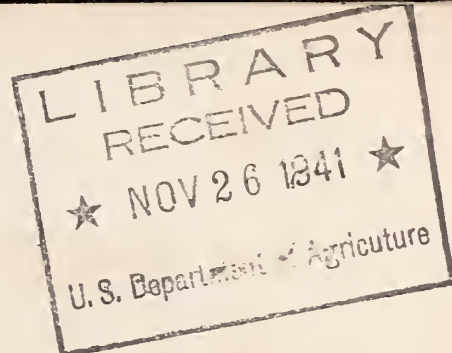
Among the new employees of the processed foods section are Austin H. Deselle and Roberts Thompson, who will assist with the continuous factory inspection work at Schuckl & Company, Inc., Sunnyvale, California, and United States Products Corporation, San Jose, California. W.J. Covney is now employed in the Chicago office and John B. Carr in the Seattle office.

W.V. Burnett, who has been assisting with the continuous inspection work at the P.J. Ritter Company, Bridgeton, New Jersey, has been transferred to the Baltimore office. He will soon be assigned to the plant of Gibbs and Company, Baltimore, to supervise the canning of pork and beans for the Surplus Marketing Administration.

Norman C. Healy of the Washington processed foods office returned recently from Macon, Georgia, where he conducted a temporary grading station for a period of about six weeks in connection with a large F.S.C.C. peach purchasing program.

Ben A. Fowler of the Washington processed foods section is now at the plant of Stokely Bros. & Co., Tampa, Florida, where he is supervising the packing of pork and beans under F.S.C.C. contract.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING LEASED WIRE MESSAGES

This Division, along with others of the Service, has been requested to examine critically the way we prepare and handle miscellaneous messages sent over the leased wire facilities to see how the volume of such messages can be reduced without handicapping our work. As you know, the leased wire is maintained primarily for the transmission of market news information, and the increasing volume of miscellaneous messages is resulting in congestion at times, particularly on the Western Circuit.

I have gone over our files of leased wire messages and find that in a considerable portion of them there are good questions as to either their urgency or their draftmanship. In some instances it does not appear that sufficient attention was given by the senders to consideration of whether these messages could just as well have been sent by air or regular mail. I find that this prevails in our Washington office, and it also prevails in many of our field offices. For example, there are instances in which field offices have sent wire messages to Washington on Saturday which could not be delivered in the Division until after the offices had closed and thus could not receive attention until Monday morning. In these cases mail service would have resulted in just as prompt delivery of the message, considering the use of air mail service from our more distant offices.

We have taken steps in the Washington office to scrutinize each miscellaneous leased wire message carefully, first, to make certain that it is necessary to send it by leased wire, and, second, to eliminate excess wordiness from the messages. This procedure is to be followed in the future in all of our field offices. If it is essential to send a message by wire it is equally important to take enough care in writing it to put it into the fewest number of words, yet express the thought clearly and completely. The same principles should likewise be followed in drafting commercial telegrams. In deciding what should be wire material and what should be mail, you should always ask yourself whether the matter could be handled just as satisfactorily by mail. Another guide is whether you would be willing to approve the cost of sending the message by commercial wire. In any event no wire should be sent on any question which does not require immediate attention.

1a. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHEDDING LEASED WIRE MESSAGES (cont'd)

Please see that these instructions are brought to the attention of all employees in your office who handle leased wire messages, as immediate steps are needed to improve our use of these facilities. It is desirable that the stenographers who transcribe these messages also read these instructions carefully so that proper attention will be given by all concerned in making the most efficient use of the leased wire facilities.

W. G. Meal

2a. REPORTS OF ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

A recent memorandum from Mr. C.W.Kitchen, Chief of our Service, requests that any employee who has occasion to attend a meeting at Government expense submit to his Section Chief in Washington, for transmittal to Mr. Kitchen, a report of the meeting. The report should contain the following information:

1. Name of association or organization holding the meeting.
2. Place and date of meeting.
3. Approximate number of persons attending.
4. Nature and purpose of the meeting.
5. Subject of address delivered, if any.
6. General comments with particular reference to matters of interest discussed affecting directly or indirectly the work and policies of this Service.

W. G. Meal

3a. CONSERVATION OF WRAPPING PAPER

Please read an item under the above heading appearing in The A.M.S. News dated October 1, 1941.

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-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. RETENTION OF CHECK SAMPLES NO LONGER REQUIRED

~~Amendments to remove the necessity for the retention of check samples~~ have been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, and, therefore, check samples which have heretofore been retained in the grading offices as the result of commercial inspections are no longer required.

In order to effectuate the necessary change in our procedure the following changes have been made in the regulations:

Change the number of cans specified in paragraph 52.33, line 13, from 24 cans to 12. Eliminate altogether paragraphs dealing with check samples, 52.39 to 52.43, inclusive. Change the number of cans specified in paragraph 52.45, line 5, from 1,000 cans to 2,000 cans, and in the same paragraph, line 6, change 600 cans to 1,200 cans.

It is believed that this change in procedure will simplify our ordinary commercial inspection work.

Paul M. Williams

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES FOR THE POTATO, MISCELLANEOUS, AND STATE ABBREVIATION PAGES OF THE CODE (Effective October 25)

On the WA-WI (MISCELLANEOUS) page of the code, add

AV Red core Chantenays
This is added especially for the Rochester area.

On the PA-PE (POTATO) page of the code, change the meaning of
PEL U.S. Extra No. 1 to read
PEL U.S. No. 1, size A, 2 in. min.
This is added especially for Maine Potatoes

also change

PEV U.S. Fancy to read
PEV Idaho Standard grade

Also on the same page change the meaning of

IP 2 in. min., 20 to 30 percent 10 oz. or larger to read
IP 25 percent or more 10 oz. or larger
These terms are added at the request of Mr. R.G. Bissor at Idaho Falls.

To take care of the increased use of paper sacks, now used so largely for holding even 50 pounds of potatoes, the word "paper" can be inserted before the code word for the container. For example,

"PAPER PAWAL" means "50-lb. paper sacks Chippewas, U.S. No. 1."

On the page headed State Abbreviations, delete

AZ Ariz. and insert
AZ - Arizona (Phoenix District ϕ)
AY - Arizona, Yuma District

ϕ Use "(Phoenix District)" only when shipments are also reported from Yuma District; otherwise AZ will be understood as representing the entire State of Arizona.

This change is being made at the request of shippers of Arizona lettuce, cnataloups and honeydews.

2b. MARKETING PEANUTS AND PEANUT PRODUCTS

Copies of Miscellaneous Publication No. 416 "Marketing Peanuts and Peanut Products," by Harold J. Clay, will be mailed in a few days to all market news and inspection offices. This is a 124-page bulletin, well-illustrated, and is a complete revision of Department Bulletin 1401, by Clay and Williams, issued in 1926. If members of the trade request copies, send their names and addresses to the Washington office.

3b. NEW YORK PRODUCTS

The demand for apples for commercial purposes has been light. However, an active canners' and processors' demand accompanied by some buying for the Government for relief and for lend-lease purposes has caused the market to hold steady. In addition to handpicked apples, the Government has been purchasing windfalls to assist the growers who suffered severe losses in the strong wind storm of late September. Canners are busy accepting stock from previous purchases and in some instances are still buying currently, netting growers from 70¢-1.50, mostly \$1.00-1.25 for 2½" and larger, handpicked, canning stock; 40-75¢ for driers; and 25-40¢ for cider or sweet juice apples, per cwt.

The pear season is about over in Western New York with only a small quantity of Seckels and Kieffers still available. Both varieties are in good demand. An active canners demand cleaned up the Bartlett crop at an unusually early date. Many Kieffers were blown off by the recent wind.

The cabbage demand has been moderate and prices have been holding steady at around \$15.00 bulk per ton to the growers for Danish. Sales f.o.b. basis in 50 lb. sacks have been ranging \$22.00-28.00 per ton. Kraut plants have been reducing their prices, dropping yesterday from \$10.00 per ton to \$8.00 per ton for Domestic type.

The movement of celery into storage is continuing at a decreasing rate. It is believed that some stock will commence to move out of storage the latter part of this week. Peak storage holdings are anticipated this coming Friday, and the total is expected to be considerably less than last season's peak of 282,000 crates on the corresponding day. Many growers have been changing from the Golden Self Blanching variety during the past few seasons to earlier varieties in order to market them before the new stock from California begins to arrive on the market in heavy volume. An experimental variety called No. 19, developed at Cornell, a cross between Pascal and Golden Self Blanching, is showing very favorable results. It's flavor and tenderness are especially desirable as well as it's high yield. The variety, however, is susceptible to blight.

The onion market has been advancing all season, and as most of the stock is now in storages of a permanent nature, it appears that growers will continue to hold for present prices or better.

Some shippers report the best potato demand, for this season of the year, for some time. While yields are not exceptional in many sections because of dry weather, the quality is reported to be much better than last season.

The grape season was unusually short, commencing about mid-September and finishing up with the end of the month. The demand by processors was unusually active, and the prices paid were so favorable that only a very small amount was offered for commercial shipment to the markets. Processors paid \$50.00 per ton for Concords, \$55.00-60.00 for Niagaras, \$100.00 for Catawbas, and \$150.00 for Delawares in the Finger Lakes district. (J.C.Keller, 10/14/41)

4b. CALIFORNIA GRAPES

The Tokay season is more nearly through this year than at the same time last year and it is doubtful if the total season's volume will make last year's 5183 cars by a thousand. Growers and shippers this past week estimated only about 600 cars remaining. Except for the first few days of the deal, it has been an outstanding season for the Tokay industry. Quality was not exceptional, but demand was active and good prices were maintained throughout.

The Emperor deal has been ready to go for about 10 days now and considerable pre-season booking has been done for storage stocks, but with 95 cars of Tokays a day being released from concentration by the Tree Fruit Agreement it has been a little difficult for Emperor shippers to keep the interest alive at present prices. The market, so far, has been relatively high, generally at \$1.10 on U.S. No. 1s and \$1.25-1.35 on Fancys. A few cars of "vineyard run," which include a high percentage of Fancys with the U.S. No. 1s sell for \$1.15 and some, so called, U.S. No. 1s which are graded to extract a maximum of the Fancys, bring \$1.00. Most of the best Fancys sold for storage have brought \$1.35 and several of the larger factors in the deal report being very heavily booked at this figure. Some are a little nervous about the market, however, feeling that the active opening of volume loading (scheduled for this coming week) is catching a close to saturation market on red varieties as a result of the prolonged Tokay movement. This has resulted in rather cautious field buying at from \$29.00 to \$35.00 per ton on the vines. A few are paying \$40.00-45.00 per ton delivered the packing house on a pack-out basis operating on a current basis to avoid getting too deep into a high priced deal.

The juice deal caught a nice play all week but is closing quite unsettled, although whites are fairly steady. The Zinfandel movement is already a thousand cars ahead of last year at this time while Alicantes and Carignanes together are about the same as at this time last season. The way the figures are running it looks like Black Juice tonnage will not be greatly different in total than last season when 9,626 cars were shipped for other Black Juice varieties (other than those mentioned) are running a little lighter this year. White Juice shipments, mainly Muscats, were about 60 percent completed this time last year, but the trade figures the percentage of completion much higher this season and many anticipate a definite shortage of white juice varieties by the end of this coming week. Demand for juice varieties was very active all week and good steady prices were maintained until about Friday when most shippers appeared to be catching up on their bookings at around \$40.00 per ton for open lugs and \$42.50 for lidded. Current business still maintains the \$40.00 minimum, but some sold lidded stocks for about the same as open, and the search for buyers was noticeable as the week closed. Quite a high percentage of the movement has been going out on joint accounts.

Weather has been virtually ideal for raisin drying and growers appear to have been making the most of it although deliveries to packing plants are now becoming sizeable. The situation continues firm with sales early in the week of Thompsons at \$76.50 per ton, of Muscats at \$82.50-85.00 and Sultanias mostly 71.50 per ton. (J.A.Hunter, 10/12/41)

B.C. Boree

Division Letter, October 17, 1941

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Mich. 205 P.O. Bldg.	838	R.L.Keller	Apples	Aug. 10	Nov. 5
			Peaches	" 10	Sept. 20
			Pears	" 21	Oct. 18
			Onions	Sept. 11	" 31
			Grapes	" 22	" 15
			Potatoes	Oct. 1	" 31
*Fresno, Calif. 335 Holland Bldg.	919	J.A.Hunter	Grapes	Aug. 1	Nov. 14
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 17
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
Martinsburg, W.Va. Public Square	835-B	R.H.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 16	April 15
*Presque Isle, Me. Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 16	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples	Sept. 2	May 19
			Cabbage	" 2	Feb. 21
			Carrots	" 2	May 19
			Celery	" 2	Jan. 3
			Grapes	" 24	Oct. 7
			Onions	" 2	April 21
			Pears	" 2	Nov. 1
			Peaches	" 4	Sept. 23
			Potatoes	Oct. 6	May 5
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED					
*Belle Glade, Fla.	957	Unassigned	Beans	Nov. 3	Dec. 23
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.L.Keller	Fruits	Nov. 6	Jan. 10
			Vegetables	" 6	Apr. 15
Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.L.Winfrey	Citrus	Nov. 1	March 31
			Vegetables	" 15	May 31

* State cooperating

W.J. Chastain on leave

A.E. Frugh on leave

J.B. Owens on leave

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. NEWS ITEMS IN CONNECTION WITH MONTHLY SHIPPING POINT REPORTS

W.L. Close has submitted a very interesting report containing facts of interest in connection with the shipping point service in Oregon during the period covered by the September monthly report. It is felt that these monthly reports from all States may very appropriately be accompanied by information of this kind which is of interest to the Washington office and in many instances to terminal market and other field offices.

2f. NO CHARGE FOR COPY OF APPEAL CERTIFICATE TO APPLICANT FOR ORIGINAL INSPECTION

Since there is no charge for an appeal inspection which reverses an original certificate no charge should be made for a copy of such an appeal certificate which is requested by the original applicant. This does not mean that copies should be sent to the original applicant in all cases of reversals. Such copies should be sent only when specifically requested.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

" New Mexico (Grants) lettuce reports wire E.L. Ruch, 610 Security Bldg.,
Phoenix, Arizona.

" Texas potato reports wire H.T. Longino, Federal-State Inspection Service,
Plainview, Texas.

" Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Onley, Virginia.

" West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection
Service, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

4f. PLEASE DEDUCT FROM THE LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

United Packing Company	Fresno, California	\$10.55
Wilson and Sawyer	Southern Produce Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	\$13.02

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES:

A.H. Polster, in charge of the Buffalo inspection office, advises that his residence address is now Roanoke Hotel, 206 South Elmwood Ave. Residence telephone: Cleveland 2160.

Wm. E. Paulson is in the Washington PACA office for several weeks, relieving C.H. Walleigh who is confined to a local hospital as the result of a recent operation.

B.C. Boree will leave Washington on October 17, to be absent until about November 30, for the purpose of an official trip, in the interest of the market news work, which will take him to Ill., Mo., Idaho, Calif., Oreg. and Wash.

W. G. Meal will leave Washington about October 27 to visit points in the States of Ill., Ind., Kansas, Mich. and Wis. He will attend a meeting of the National Association of Marketing Officials at St. Louis on October 28-30. He returns to Washington about November 10.

Wm. C. Hongstafer, who has been an inspector in the New York City office since 1923, has transferred to the Boston inspection office.

Leonard D. Mills has been appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, Philadelphia, replacing Herbert McFeely who recently resigned.

E.E. Conklin has returned to the Chicago office after a prolonged trip to the West Coast.

James W. Osborne of the Chicago processed foods office is now temporarily stationed at the Keene-Belvidere Canning Company at Belvidere, Illinois, for the purpose of supervising the canning of pork and beans for the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

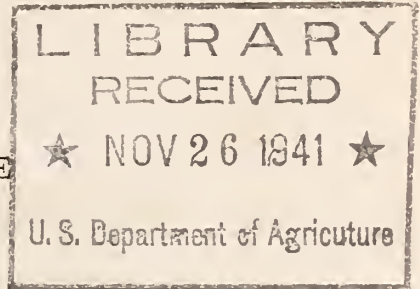
Mrs. Elinor T. Linderer, of the Washington processed foods office, conducted a grading demonstration for the Woman's Club of Orange, New Jersey, at their meeting on October 14.

Paul M. Williams left Washington on October 16 for an extended field trip. He plans to visit various processed foods inspection offices throughout the Middle West and along the Pacific Coast, meet with canners for the purpose of discussing continuous inspection, and investigate the possibilities of establishing a new inspection office in South Texas. He will return to the Washington office in approximately three weeks.

R.L. Ringer of the Portland office, who has spent the past couple of months in Monterey, California, inspecting fish for the F.S.C.C., is now stationed at Terminal Island, California, for the same purpose.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. U.S. GOVERNMENT TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES AND RELATED IDENTIFICATION CARDS

We are directed by the Department Office of Budget and Finance, in order to insure the proper control of tax exemption certificates and tax exemption identification cards to immediately adopt the following procedure:

1. Each office or individual user not closely aligned with a field office is to keep a record, by serial numbers, of all tax exemption certificates and tax exemption identification cards coming into its possession.
2. Each office or individual user not closely aligned with a field office is to keep a record, by serial numbers, of the certificates and cards re-issued to individual employees attached to that office.
3. Return to Washington (Attention Mrs. Mills) all unused certificates and cards which are no longer needed, and maintain a record of such returns.
4. Return to Washington (Attention Mrs. Mills) the covers (Standard Form No. 1094-A, Revised) of completely used books of certificates with enclosed completed tabulation sheets (Standard Form No. 1094-b) by the users and maintain a record of such returns.
5. Report (to Mrs. Mills) the loss, theft or destruction of any certificates or cards and maintain an appropriate record of such reports.

2a. REPORT REQUIRED BY THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION OF ALL PURCHASES MADE BY THE SERVICE

Reference is made to paragraph 1a in the Division Letter of July 25, 1941, under the above heading. Question has arisen as to the complete meaning of the word "purchases" as used therein. The Procurement Section of the Service advises that it is intended to include services and repairs such as for typewriters, automobiles, mimeographs, etc. In other words, the only vouchers of which copies are not required by the Procurement Section, are those covering transportation, rental of office quarters and public utility services - such as telephone, telegraph, gas, and electricity.

3a. JUTE TWINE

We are no longer permitted to accept requisitions or pass accounts of any kind for payment covering the purchase of jute twine.

4a. PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW FOR MISCONDUCT, NEGLECT OF DUTY OR IRREGULARITIES BY EMPLOYEES

Attention is called to an item appearing under the above heading on page 10 of The A.M.S. News dated October 15, 1941. It should be read by all field officers.

5a. HELP LOCATE MEMORANDUM COPY (YELLOW) BILLS LADING

The Section of Budget and Accounts advises that the memorandum copy (yellow) of the following Bills of Lading has not been received in Washington. Each field office listed is requested to check its files for the memorandum copy of the Bills of Lading indicated and forward to Washington if located:

<u>Fruit and Vegetable Division</u>			
<u>Bill of Lading</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>From</u>
A-898957	June 25, 1941	St. Louis, Mo.	Earl L. Biddick
A-893958	" 27, 1941	" "	" "
A-2048093	April 28, 1941	Spokane, Wash.	L.S. Fenn
A-2048096	July 17, 1941	Seattle, Wash.	" "
A-906543	April 22, 1941	Milwaukee, Wis.	Grover Clyde
A-2408532	August 9, 1941	Mineral Point	R.H. Ferguson
A-893956	May 21, 1941	St. Louis, Mo.	" "
A-906236	" 20, 1941	Pittsburgh, Pa.	J.J. Gardner
A-1887339	" 8, 1941	Fort Worth, Texas	H.C. Gregory
A-1887342	" 24, 1941	" "	" "
A-1887343	" 29, 1941	" "	" "
A-1887346	June 11, 1941	" "	" "
A-1887347	" 12, 1941	" "	" "
A-1887348	" 13, 1941	" "	" "
A-1887349	July 7, 1941	" "	" "
A-2048097	August 5, 1941	Seattle, Wash.	Chas. L. Powell
A-643802	May 2, 1941	Houston, Texas	Chas. D. Shirley
A-643803	May 22, 1941	" "	" "
A-643804	June 4, 1941	" "	" "
A-2403333	" 4, 1941	" "	" "
A-235132	May 12, 1941	New Orleans, La.	David L. Smith
A-235133	June 12, 1941	" "	" "
A-2404308	May 27, 1941	Atlanta, Georgia	B.E. Surry
A-894720	June 19, 1941	Rocky Ford, Colo.	Howard Warren

6a. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The General Accident, Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, through its agents, Ralph W. Lee and Company, 1508 L Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., has notified this Service that on November 1, 1941, it will renew for another year the group automobile liability insurance policy issued to employees of the Department of Agriculture, to protect them in the operation of Government-owned vehicles.

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, through its agents, Long and Curry, Barr Building, Washington, D.C., will also issue to employees of this Department certain automobile liability insurance certificates. These certificates will run for one year from date of issue and can be obtained at any time.

The annual premiums on this insurance are as follows:

Public Liability, limits \$5,000/\$10,000, Property Damage, limit \$5,000, annual premium \$8.00; Ralph W. Lee & Company.

Public Liability, limits \$20,000/\$20,000, Property Damage, limit \$5,000, annual premium \$9.20; Ralph W. Lee & Company.

Public Liability, limits \$5,000/\$10,000, Property Damage, limit \$5,000, annual premium \$8.00; Long and Curry.

Public Liability, limits \$10,000/\$20,000, Property Damage, limit \$5,000; annual premium \$9.20; Long and Curry.

Any individual desiring this type of insurance should forward direct to one of the agencies above-mentioned his name, address and check or money order for the premium selected.

Lewis A. Payne and Company, Investment Building, Washington, D.C., agents for the Indemnity Insurance Company of North America, through whom a group automobile liability insurance policy was issued expiring October 31, 1941, have notified this Service that this policy will not be renewed. Field offices should be notified that the group policy issued by this company will not be renewed so that employees now insured under that policy may, if they so desire, make other arrangements for obtaining automobile liability insurance.

7a. ENCLOSURE - Civil Service Commission Form 1236a, dated September, 1940.

There is being distributed to all offices with this issue of the D.L., copies of Civil Service Commission Form 1236a, dated September, 1940, which explains the purpose and scope of the Hatch Act, as amended, and its application.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. REQUISITIONS FOR MIMEOGRAPH PAPER

In view of an expected shortage of mimeograph paper we have been requested to prepare requisitions immediately for supplies of paper sufficient to last to March 1, 1942. Without consulting the field offices, orders have been placed for the following:

<u>City</u>	<u>No. Reams</u> <u>8 x 15</u>
Cleveland, Ohio	200
Lakeland, Florida	1,000
Pittsburgh, Pa.	200
Rochester, New York	800

If other offices feel that there is not a sufficient supply of mimeograph paper on hand to last to March 1, 1942, a requisition for the necessary amount should be forwarded at once.

2b. POTOMAC YARDS PASSINGS -- SEPTEMBER 1, 1940-AUGUST 30, 1941

Forty-eight different fruits and vegetables, totaling 63,095 cars, passed through Potomac Yard, Va., on their way to northern markets, during the period of September 1, 1940 - August 30, 1941. This was an increase of 237 cars over the corresponding period for 1939-40 but 3488 cars less than the five-year average of 66,583 cars for the 1936-41 period. Cold weather during the growing season and the increasingly large volume of produce moving by truck to the northern markets are the principal reasons advanced for the yearly volume being below the 5-year average. An all-time record for the passing of Oranges through this gateway was established during the past season when 16,367 cars were recorded. Compared with the passing figures for the 1939-40 season the leading increases were Oranges 2945 cars, Grapefruit 2027 cars, Peaches 1197 cars, Tangerines 216 cars, and Cucumbers 147 cars. Apples, Mixed Citrus, Mixed Vegetables, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Watermelons and Sweetpotatoes all showed declines ranging from 97 cars to 1372 cars. Tomatoes and Potatoes showed the heaviest declines in passing figures with 1372 and 1313 cars respectively.

OFFICE NOTES:

George W. Buttke, Processed Foods, advises that his official address is c/o U.S. Products Corporation, Ltd., San Jose, California. His residence address is 340 South Tenth, San Jose, California. Telephone: Columbia 6500-W.

H.E. Smith left Washington on October 29 for a period of approximately two weeks, to assist in the organization of an inspection service for pecans under a S.M.A. purchasing program for this commodity in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

L.C. Carey will be conducting investigations under the P.A.C. Act in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania during the month of November.

T.C. Curry will travel by airplane to Los Angeles, Calif. on November 5 - returning November 10. He will conduct business in the interest of the P.A.C. Act and also attend a meeting of The Western Growers Protective Association to be held at Los Angeles. On November 15 Mr. Curry will go to Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia to conduct investigations under the P.A.C. Act, returning to Washington about December 15.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail</u> <u>List</u>	<u>In</u> <u>Charge</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>First</u> <u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably</u> <u>Will Close</u>
*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	R.M. Fox	Beans	Nov. 3	Dec. 23
*Fresno, Calif. 323 Holland Bldg.	919	J.A. Hunter	Grapes	Aug. 1	Nov. 14
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E. Keller	Fruits Vegetables	Nov. 6 " 6	Jan. 10 Apr. 15
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G. Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 17
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
Martinsburg, W.Va. Public Square	835-B	R.M. Peterson	Apples	Sept. 16	April 15
*Presque Isle, Maine. Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 16	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 2 " 2 " 2 " 2 " 24 " 2 " 2 " 4 Oct. 6	May 19 Feb. 21 May 19 Jan. 3 Oct. 7 April 21 Oct. 27 Sept. 23 May 5
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A. Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 1 " 15	March 31 May 31
<u>THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED</u>					
*Benton Harbor, Mich. 205 P.O. Bldg.	838	R.E. Keller	Apples Peaches Pears Onions Grapes Potatoes	Aug. 10 " 10 " 21 Sept. 11 " 22 Oct. 1	Nov. 5 Sept. 20 Oct. 18 " 31 " 15 " 31

* State cooperating

W.J. Chastain on leave

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF POTOMAC YARD PASSINGS OF CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

COMMODITIES	Sept. cars	Oct. cars	Nov. cars	Dec. cars	Jan. cars	Feb. cars	Mar. cars	Apr. cars	May cars	June cars	July cars	Aug. cars	TOTALS cars
Apples	26	56	9	4	10	14	18	27	18	52	13	2	249
Beans	-	130	569	342	243	76	63	175	258	57	17	-	1930
Cabbage	-	-	1	264	422	238	519	1065	1191	46	-	-	3746
Celery	-	-	1	170	540	502	792	1099	840	426	-	-	4370
Cucumbers	11	104	104	-	-	-	-	64	470	333	88	-	1174
Grapefruit	2	835	741	856	1155	780	900	686	712	500	43	-	7016
Mixed Citrus	-	28	292	463	355	368	208	128	111	75	20	-	2048
Mixed Vegts.	-	6	31	63	43	58	81	111	60	43	1	-	497
Oranges	2	201	1861	1690	2233	1806	2293	1734	2198	1803	534	12	16367
Peaches	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	393	3708	2294	6438
Potatoes	-	-	-	20	94	126	144	240	1880	3973	119	2	6598
Sweetpotatoes	2	8	61	91	93	82	41	21	7	-	29	22	457
Tangerines	-	-	172	475	457	248	39	3	-	-	-	-	1394
Tomatoes	-	-	119	349	219	258	85	50	1162	497	50	-	3789
Watermelons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2566	2936	246	5751
Other F. & V.	1	10	197	320	189	98	197	423	397	338	92	9	2271
TOTALS	37	1578	4158	5107	6053	4654	5380	5826	9307	10902	7656	2587	63095

SUMMARY OF POTOMAC YARD PASSINGS WITH
FIVE YEAR AVERAGES OF CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

	<u>1936-37</u>	<u>1937-38</u>	<u>1938-39</u>	<u>1939-40</u>	<u>1940-41</u>	<u>5-Yr. Tot.</u>	<u>5-Yr. Avg.</u>
	<u>cars</u>	<u>cars</u>	<u>cars</u>	<u>cars</u>	<u>cars</u>	<u>cars</u>	<u>cars</u>
September	407	552	747	208	87	2001	400
October	1567	3232	2286	2534	1378	10997	2199
November	4433	3939	4628	4837	4158	21995	4399
December	5240	4902	5586	4953	5107	25788	5158
January	7483	5612	6630	6036	6053	31814	6364
February	5712	6292	6666	4952	4654	28276	5655
March	6164	8920	7210	5055	5380	32729	6546
April	6954	10731	8180	6231	5826	37922	7584
May	7850	10709	10127	9073	9307	47066	9413
June	9645	8650	8868	9357	10902	47422	9484
July	8250	7254	7214	7375	7656	37749	7550
August	2097	602	1624	2247	2587	9157	1831
Totals	65802	71395	69766	62858	63095	332916	66583
Apples	<u>1/</u>	1987	1090	542	249	<u>2/</u> 3868	<u>3/</u> 774
Beans	4457	4136	3109	1931	1930	15563	3113
Cabbage	3600	4714	2831	4628	3746	19519	3904
Celery	5031	4266	4171	3944	4370	21782	4356
Cucumbers	<u>1/</u>	1547	1079	1027	1174	<u>2/</u> 4827	<u>3/</u> 965
Grapefruit	6636	5250	7242	4989	7016	31133	6227
Mixed Citrus	2310	2780	4344	3159	2048	14641	2928
Mixed Vegts.	<u>1/</u>	1695	1376	921	497	<u>2/</u> 4489	<u>3/</u> 898
Oranges	8972	12849	15898	13422	16367	67508	13502
Peaches	4425	6619	5527	5241	6438	28250	5650
Potatoes	6854	5758	6449	7911	6598	33570	6714
Sweets	<u>1/</u>	469	986	554	457	<u>2/</u> 2466	<u>3/</u> 493
Tangerines	<u>1/</u>	1004	1570	1178	1394	<u>2/</u> 5146	<u>3/</u> 1029
Tomatoes	4638	7283	5356	4161	2789	24227	4845
Watermelons	9265	6998	5678	6504	5751	34196	6839
Other F. & V.	9614	4040	3060	2746	2271	21731	4346
Totals	65802	71395	69766	62858	63095	332916	66583

1/ Included in Other F. & V.

2/ 4 Year Totals.

3/ 4 Year Averages.

Division Letter, October 31, 1941

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. SUPERVISION OF LOADING OF DELIVERIES OF CANNED TOMATOES TO THE FEDERAL SURPLUS COMMODITIES CORPORATION

Beginning immediately and applicable to all requests which the field office now hold, it will be necessary to supervise the loading of deliveries of canned tomatoes to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. This is not applicable to the Pacific Coast district.

In most cases it will be necessary to employ loaders for this purpose, and all items of time and expense incurred in these supervisions of loadings must be shown separately from inspection expenses on Forms FPI-19. We would suggest each item recorded on Forms FPI-19 be designated as "Loading" or "Inspection."

Occasionally the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation will authorize contractors to make delivery in some type of case other than specified in the contract. If the loader has authority from his superiors to permit such a change, he may indicate on certificates of loading that cases are of the type specified by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation although they may not conform to the original contract specifications.

Men should be employed at usual rates to handle the supervision of these loadings, and all time incurred should be entered on the Form FPI-19 at the rate of \$1.50 per hour. Regular inspectors should be directed to handle this work in emergency only or when idle time exists due to lack of inspection work. When necessary to use inspectors, time should be entered on Form FPI-19 at the rate of \$2.50 per hour for processed foods inspectors and at the rate of \$1.67 per hour for fresh fruit and vegetable inspectors.

The rate of \$2.60 per hour for the processed foods inspectors is an established rate which includes not only the time of the inspector but the expense of laboratory examination. It is suggested that this rate be used in order to avoid complications which might arise in attempting to compute time at more than one rate on a single field trip. However, loading time should be noted separately on Forms FPI-19, and any necessary adjustments in rate will be made in Washington.

2d. NEW CANNED SPINACH GRADES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1

New standards for grades of canned spinach which will supersede those which have been in effect since February 10, 1933, have been issued by the Processed Foods Section and will become effective December 1, 1941.

Although no major changes have been incorporated in the new standards, an attempt has been made to clarify the grade requirements and to provide descriptive terms and definitions which will make the standards less difficult to apply by members of the inspection staff and of the canning industry.

The drained weight requirement is now based on minimum drained weight rather than 66 percent of the net contents.

John E. Dodds

INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. NO RESTRICTED CERTIFICATES UNDER A MARKETING AGREEMENT

No restricted certificates should be issued on a product which is under a marketing agreement. Such agreements require certification of quality and presentation of a copy of the certificate by the shipper to the Control Committee. This certificate is evidence of compliance with the standardization requirements of the agreement. A restricted certificate is not acceptable for this purpose.

2f. INSPECTOR'S NOTES MUST CONTAIN COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING LOTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS DAYS

Attention has recently been called to several cases in which a considerable portion of a carload was inspected and left on the warehouse floor over night and loaded as soon as the car was placed the next morning. The inspector's notes, however, did not carry notations to this effect.

In one case the certificate shows inspection began at 11 a.m. July 1, 1941 and was completed 10:45 p.m. July 3. The railroad records show that this car was not placed for loading until 9 a.m. July 3. The inspector's notes, however, contained no notations to show where the part of the load which was inspected before the car was placed was inspected and where it was carried over until the loading began. Such information is highly important when a claim is filed against the carrier or the car becomes involved in litigation of other kinds. All supervisors are therefore instructed to see that every note sheet covering a case of this kind contains the necessary information to give a complete picture of the handling of the lot.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

" New Mexico (Grants) lettuce reports wire E.L.Ruch, 610 Security Bldg.,
Phoenix, Arizona.

" Texas potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Plainview,
Texas.

" Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Onley, Virginia.

" West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Federal-State Inspection
Service, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

4f. DEDUCT FROM THE LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

Processed Foods:

Midfield Packers, Olympia, Washington \$6.70

5f. ENCLOSURES

Accompanying this Division Letter, for each inspector, are: (1) Grading Rules for Bartlett and Other Summer and Fall Pears; (2) U.S. Standards for Lemons (1941); (3) U.S. Standards for California and Arizona Grapefruit (1941); (4) U.S. Standards for California and Arizona Oranges (1941).

F.G. Robb

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER, 1941

(L.C.L.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.
California	6425	Nebraska	52
Colorado	6634 $\frac{1}{2}$	New Hampshire	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Delaware	127	New Jersey	480 $\frac{1}{2}$
Idaho	5150 $\frac{1}{2}$	New York	971
Illinois	92	North Dakota	769
Indiana	106	Oklahoma	10
Iowa	39	Oregon	2315 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas	2	Pennsylvania	350
Louisiana	415	South Carolina	3*
Maine	115	South Dakota	48
Maryland	227	Texas	115
Massachusetts	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	Utah	491**
Michigan	1748	Virginia	1084
Minnesota	1035 $\frac{1}{2}$	Washington	2172
Mississippi	4	Wisconsin	68
Montana	13	TOTAL	31,104 $\frac{1}{2}$

* Includes one car not reported in August. ** There were 1827 trucklots aggregating 9,722,192 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: Colorado 5, Indiana 22, Kentucky 8, New Jersey 412, and Utah 41.

In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following markets for the S.M.A. in the amount indicated: New Haven, Conn. 8 cars, Philadelphia 133 cars.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER, 1941

Total			Same Month		
Inspections			Last Year		
Marks	Inspections	Last Year	Marks	Inspections	Last Year
Albany	21	9	Miami	18	7
Atlanta	45	10	Milwaukee	33	30
Baltimore	32	15	Minneapolis	25	35
Boston	143	98	Newark	14	25
Buffalo	61	51	New Haven	27	6
Chicago	99	153	New Orleans	109	88
Cincinnati	24	31	New York	267	626
Cleveland	44	47	Norfolk	15	15
Columbus	11	35	Oklahoma City	13*	14
Denver	8	36	Philadelphia	119	175
Detroit	90	132	Phoenix	0	1
East Providence	-	9	Pittsburgh	178	199
Fargo	3*	0	Portland	1	13
Fort Worth	20	15	Rochester	29	14
Harrisburg	1*	2	St. Louis	37	42
Hartford	25	24	Salt Lake City	2*	1
Houston	14	40	San Diego	0	1
Indianapolis	4	9	San Francisco	5	0
Jackson	0	1	Seattle	37	12
Jacksonville	29	48	Tampa	21	6
Kansas City	52*	36	Washington, D.C.	9	4
Los Angeles	6	4	TOTAL	1707	2125
Memphis	16	6			

* Compiled from certificates in file.

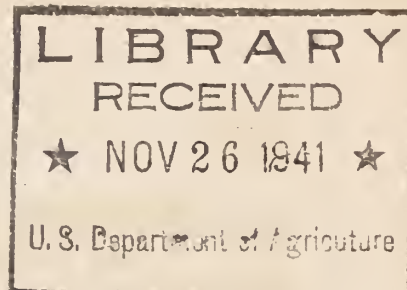
Total fees assessed for September, 1941, \$6,832.98

Total last yr \$7,370.41

1259 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Vol. 22, No. 23

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR AND MAINTENANCE OF PASSENGER-CARRYING VEHICLES

Attention is called to the fact that any additional equipment, such as heaters, windshield defrosters, etc., for Government-owned, passenger-carrying vehicles may not be purchased if the cost thereof, together with the original price of the vehicle and the cost of additional equipment previously purchased will exceed the statutory limitation of \$750, which amount is inclusive of any allowance for used vehicle, f.o.b. point of origin. That is to say, if the purchase cost of a new vehicle was \$725, which included a trade-in allowance of \$250 for used vehicle, leaving the net cost of the new vehicle only \$475, we may not expend more than \$25 for additional accessories since any greater amount would bring the total cost of the vehicle in excess of the statutory limitation of \$750.

The maintenance expense (exclusive of garage rent, operator's hire, tires, fuel, and lubricants) for a passenger-carrying vehicle in any fiscal year must not, in accordance with restriction placed by Congress, exceed one-third of the market price of a new vehicle of the same class and make.

Because of the above-mentioned limitations on the amounts that can be paid for a passenger-carrying vehicle and for maintenance thereof, the General Accounting Office is requiring a certification on each voucher for the purchase of additional equipment or for maintenance that the amount thereof does not bring the total cost in excess of the applicable limitation. In order to insure compliance with these limitations and to make the necessary certifications, a record is maintained in the Procurement Section of the cost of each passenger-carrying vehicle, including the purchase price of any additional accessories, and the maintenance expense through the motor vehicle expense reports submitted each month. The necessity for the monthly reports containing accurate and complete information cannot therefore be over-emphasized.

Each voucher covering the purchase of additional equipment or for maintenance expense and to be paid against a field station letter of authorization must show the make, type, motor number, and license number of the vehicle which it covers. Similar information should also be shown on requisitions for the purchase of additional equipment submitted to the Procurement Section so that it may be indicated on the vouchers of the vendors.

/s/ F.J. Hughes

ATTENTION - ALL INSPECTORS

Inspectors of both fresh

and processed foods should read the paragraph marked 4f and
6d
appearing on the last page of this D.L.

W.G. Neal

2a. PASSENGER RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

The following quotes information transmitted to us by the Acting Director of Finance under date of October 21, 1941:

"Under the present heavy demand the nation's passenger transportation systems at times find it difficult to cope with unusual demands because of equipment limitations. It is therefore essential that the Department's travelers make reservations as far in advance as practicable. This is particularly true when groups wish to travel together on a given train or plane. From this it follows that reservations should be requested just as soon as possible after the itinerary has been determined upon. Such action will not only assure the traveler the more desirable accommodations, but will enable the carriers to anticipate required equipment in sufficient time to provide it.

"As a corollary it is incumbent upon the traveler to enter cancellation just as soon as it is found that the space reserved will not be used. Air lines have complained that failure to notify them of inability to use reservations causes flights supposedly 'sold out' to depart with empty seats, thus causing loss of revenue and uneconomical use of transportation facilities.

"It is only fair that in consideration of the carriers' reservation service the Department should reciprocate by way of entering prompt cancellations if reservations will not be used, and such action is urged regardless of the mode of travel."

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-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITIONS TO THE NU (SWEETPOTATO) PAGE OF THE CODE:

(Effective Nov. 22)

On the NU (SWEETPOTATO) page of the code add

UR washed

US brushed

These additions are made at the suggestion of Mr. Sutton

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	R.M. Fox	Beans	Nov. 3	Dec. 23
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E. Keller	Fruits Vegetables	Nov. 10 " 10	Jan. 10 April 15
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G. Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 17
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
Martinsburg, W.Va. Public Square	835-B	R.W. Kohler	Apples	Sept. 16	April 15
Phoenix, Arizona Security Bldg.	815	J.A. Hunter	Lettuce	Nov. 26	Jan. 3
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 16	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 2 " 2 " 2 " 2 " 24 " 2 " 2 " 4 Oct. 6	May 19 Feb. 21 May 19 Jan. 3 Oct. 7 April 21 Oct. 27 Sept. 23 May 5
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A. Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 3 " 15	March 31 May 31

THE FOLLOWING STATION CLOSED ON THE DATE INDICATED

*Fresno, Calif. 323 Holland Bldg.	919	J.A. Hunter	Grapes	Aug. 1	Nov. 13
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* State cooperating

W.J. Chastain on leave
R.M. Peterson on leave

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. NEW PROCESSED FOODS INSPECTION OFFICE AT WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

A new inspection office of the processed foods section will be opened at Winter Haven, Florida, about November 18. The office will be located at the U.S. Citrus Products Station.

Mr. George B. Crisp, who has just completed a continuous inspection assignment in the State of New York, will be in charge of the inspection work at Winter Haven. He will serve as supervisor of the inspectors located in the six or eight Florida plants which will operate under the continuous inspection of the Agricultural Marketing Service this season. Regular commercial inspections will also be made at the Winter Haven office, as well as inspections of lots purchased by other Government agencies.

There has long been a demand for an inspection office in Florida, and it is expected that a large volume of work will be handled through the Winter Haven office.

2d. CORRECTION IN LIST OF DISTRICT OFFICES AND TERRITORIES OF FIELD OFFICES OF PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SECTION

Easton, Maryland, should be changed to read:

"Eastern Shore, Virginia, Delaware except New Castle County, and Maryland except Cecil County"

Insert after the Portland section:

"Rochester, New York - New York west of 75° longitude"

3d. REQUEST FOR INSPECTION OF SAMPLES OF PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES--FPI-159

Incidents have occurred recently which make necessary calling to your attention my memorandum dated May 29, 1941, concerning filing of FPI-159 by applicant before grading offices undertake to inspect samples submitted to them.

In two instances samples were recently submitted to us which were involved in Food and Drug actions. In several other instances they were from lots involved in controversy over grade.

It becomes the responsibility of each inspector to ascertain definitely before grading just why the inspection is requested and if satisfactory reasons are not furnished by the applicant, grading should be declined.

4d. CORRECTION

The fourth paragraph of item 1d "Supervision of Loading of Deliveries of Canned Tomatoes to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation" appearing on page 171 of the Division Letter dated October 31, 1941, gave the rate of "\$2.50 per hour for processed foods inspectors." The rate should have been \$2.60 per hour as shown in the paragraph immediately following.

5d. LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION EMPLOYMENT

The authority for the employment of assistants at 69¢ per hour and 90¢ per hour, respectively, is limited to 720 hours in any one 12-month period, beyond which no payment for services under Letter of Authorization can be made.

If it is known that the services of any person employed in the capacities above mentioned will be needed beyond 720 hours (the equivalent of 90 8-hour days) the Washington office should be immediately advised in order that steps may be taken for the indefinite appointment of such employees. At present no one engaged on duties as above described is under any appointment other than Letter of Authorization.

Paul M. Williams

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-STANDARDIZATION & RESEARCH-

1c. U.S. STANDARDS FOR TANGERINES AND CITRUS FRUITS

A copy of Amendment No. 1 to the U.S. Standards for Tangerines (Effective October 27, 1941 and a copy of Amendment to U.S. Standards for Citrus Fruits, entitled "Amendment No. 1-U. S. Standard for Internal Quality of Common Sweet Oranges (Citrus Sinensis (L) Osbeck) Effective November 17, 1941" have been sent to each inspector under separate cover.

2c. SPECIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN BRANDS OF POTATOES SHIPPED FROM MAINE

Maine potatoes branded as "Blue Goose," "Toptater," "Jumbo" or "Tater-State" are required to meet the following specifications:

"In addition to meeting the requirements for regular U.S. No. 1 grade as outlined by official standards, potatoes shall be packed in new branded sacks and shall consist of potatoes of similar varietal characteristics, which are firm, fairly well matured, generally fairly clean, fairly uniform in size.* The stock to be graded two inch minimum size A with an average of no more than 4% grade defects with no more than 12% defects in any one sample. Soft rot and/or wet breakdown shall not average more than 1% with not more than 2% in any one sample. This tolerance for soft rot shall be included in the above mentioned tolerance for grade defects. All of the above terms shall be based upon the interpretation of such terms as is set forth by the Federal State Inspection Service."

*In this case, fairly uniform in size shall be interpreted to mean potatoes grading two inch minimum and 20 ounce maximum with a tolerance of 5% for oversize.

3c. ENCLOSURE - D.L. DATED OCTOBER 31, 1941

A copy of "Insert for the Fruit, Vegetables and Honey Act" issued Sept. 9, 1941 by the Canadian Department of Agriculture as an Amendment to Acts, Orders and Regulations No. 35, was enclosed for each inspector with the Division Letter of October 31, 1941, without having been mentioned therein.

R.R. Pailthorp

OFFICE NOTES:

T. W. Ayres, who is working on the S.M.A. Pecan purchasing program, will be located at 210 Collaway Building, Albany, Georgia, for approximately three months.

W.L. Evans has returned to his desk in the P.A.C.A. section after a three-month detail to the Department of Justice.

Fain Cesar advises that his Tulsa, Oklahoma, address is 720 North Evanston Street. Telephone: 6-0422. Mail should be addressed to him as formerly - P.O. Box 1911.

W.L. Powell, whose former address was 328 H Street, Oxnard, California, advises that mail should now be addressed to him at P.O. Box 1299 San Jose, California.

Word was received on November 13 to the effect that John (Jack) Ahearn had suddenly passed away at Detroit, Michigan, on November 12. Mr. Ahearn was employed in our Market News Service at Washington, New York City and Cincinnati during 1916-1920 and will be remembered by many associated with the produce trade. He had, in recent years, been a representative of Gentile Brothers Company in the southeastern states.

H.J. Clay will address a meeting of the Honey Producers League at Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Niagara Falls, Ontario, November 15, speaking on the subject "A Quarter Century of Honey Reports and Honey Marketing."

John L. Buntin will leave Washington early next week to be away approximately six weeks to interview members of the trade, railroad officials and others on matters of transportation. He will travel in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

F.P. Schlatter, formerly with the Insecticide Division, is now employed as an inspector of processed foods and has been located at Baltimore, Maryland, since November 1.

Arthur Pobjecky of the Philadelphia processed foods office spent Monday, November 10, in the Washington office receiving additional instruction in the determination of alcohol insoluble solids in canned peas.

Leonard J. Miller is now stationed at the Boston processed foods office. Mr. Miller recently completed four months assignment at Eastport, Maine, where he has been inspecting fish for the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

George E. Crisp of the processed foods section spent two days (November 12 and 13) in the Washington office en route to Winter Haven, Florida, from Rochester, New York.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. CUTTING PEANUTS TO DETERMINE DAMAGE

Runners and to some extent white Spanish peanuts are showing damage this season that is not always indicated externally. Peanuts which are rancid or decayed to an extent visible externally are defined as damaged. Frequently peanuts which are moldy, rancid or decayed internally do not have an external appearance which conclusively indicates such damage but their appearance is such as to cause the inspector to doubt their soundness. Such peanuts should be cut to verify their condition. It is not necessary to cut or remove the skin of every peanut and only kernels which are doubtful should be so treated.

A discolored peanut may have a damaged appearance. Cutting or slipping of a portion of the skin will aid in determining whether such kernels should be scored as damaged or discolored in the case of Spanish or as damaged in the case of Runners.

Peanuts affected by mold are defined as damaged. Surface mold visible to the naked eye should be scored as damaged.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Arizona tomatoes and other Mexican imports wire R.H. Bertelson,
305 American Ave., Nogales, Arizona.

" Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

" Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Onley, Virginia.

" West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Martinsburg, West Virginia.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

3f. CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING TRANSFERS OF LICENSEES SHOULD BE BETWEEN FEDERAL-STATE SUPERVISORS

Attention has recently been called to the fact that a regional supervisor in one State has attempted by correspondence to induce inspectors from another State to transfer to the work in his district. Such a practice not only goes beyond the authority of a regional supervisor but also fails to show the courtesy due from one Federal-State supervisor to another. If additional men are needed the regional supervisor should advise the Federal-State supervisor under whom he is working, who should conduct the correspondence with the Federal-State supervisor of the State in which the man whose transfer is desired is working. Otherwise, supervisors will be uncertain regarding the maintenance of an adequate force of inspectors and strained relations are bound to result unless a supervisor is accorded the courtesy of a request for the transfer of one of his men.

F.G. Robb

-ATTENTION - ALL INSPECTORS-

4f. and

6d. COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS FOR S.M.A. AND F.S.C.C. PURCHASES

All inspectors having occasion to pass on deliveries of fresh or processed fruits and vegetables to the S.M.A. shall observe the following instructions just received from the Chief's office:

"Products offered for delivery to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation or the Surplus Marketing Administration will not be certified as complying with any specifications other than the contract specifications under which the awards were made. Certification in terms of changed or other specifications will be permitted only on instructions from the Washington office and the latter permission will be given only when approval of the changes or substitute specifications is made by the Administrator, Associate Administrator, or Acting Administrator of the Surplus Marketing Administration. This does not apply to notices of changes in packing requirements or quantities to be delivered as given by the Purchasing Officer."

W. G. Meal

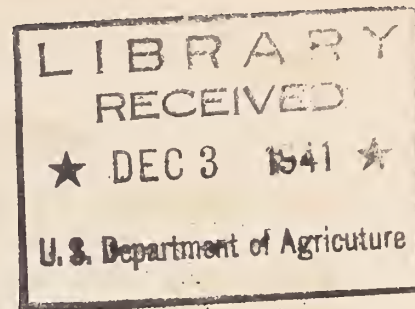
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7d. SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR DEPOSITING COLLECTIONS IN THE FIELD

The memorandum (signed by Mr. F.J. Hughes, October 23, 1941) transmitted to those offices which will, effective January 2, 1942, deposit collections in the field, requested that "In order to allow sufficient time to furnish you with supplies and to answer any requests for information, your requisitions and inquiries must be received in your divisional offices in Washington not later than November 25." We have not had requisitions for these supplies from all interested offices. Please give this matter your immediate attention.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS FURNITURE CONTAINING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

The following Plant and Operations Circular No. 38 has been received under date of October 28, 1941:

"The procurement Division of the Treasury Department in circular letter No. 497, dated September 26, 1941, advises that documents and miscellaneous records, some of which are confidential have been found in surplus furniture turned over to that division by the government agencies in Washington.

"Bureaus and offices of the Department are requested to fix responsibility for the thorough emptying of desks, tables, filing cabinets and any other pieces of furniture where documents may be kept prior to their delivery to the Board of Survey for transfer to the Procurement Division.

"Care should be exercised to avoid releasing furniture, whether by transfer to the Procurement Division or other Federal agencies, or by sale under Procurement Division authority, that may contain miscellaneous papers or records of the Department."

2a. HELP LOCATE J. L. SONDUCK AND W. C. GERMANN

With reference to complaints filed under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, it is desired to locate J.L. Sonduck and W.C. Germann, formerly of Bowman, North Dakota. Anyone having, or able to obtain, information as to the whereabouts of either is requested to advise Mr. H. A. Spilman of the Washington office, referring to PACA C-6219.

3a. SAFETY POSTERS

A supply of new safety posters (18" x 24") will be distributed to our field offices within a few days. It is requested that one of these posters be placed in a prominent place in each of our regular field offices.

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. REVISION OF STANDARDS FOR CANNED GRAPEFRUIT JUICE

A revision of the United States Standards for Grades of Canned Grapefruit Juice has been approved to become effective December 15, 1941. These standards will supersede the present ones, which have been in effect since October 1, 1939.

Although no major changes have been made in the new standards, the method for making peel oil determinations has been changed to conform to the standard method now in use.

A handbook article covering the grading of canned grapefruit juice will be sent to the inspectors with the copies of the grades, if possible, or shortly thereafter.

2d. NEW PROCESSED FOODS OFFICE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A new processed foods inspection office was recently opened in Los Angeles with Thomas K. Miller in charge. Up to the present time samples from the Los Angeles territory have been drawn by fresh fruit and vegetable or Federal-State inspectors and forwarded to the San Francisco office for grading. It is felt that inspections will be expedited by having an office in the southern part of the State.

3d. NEW PROCESSED FOODS OFFICE AT WESLACO, TEXAS

W.L. Harris of the Indianapolis office will report at Weslaco, Texas, about December 3, where he will open a new inspection office of the processed foods section. The address of the new office will be U.S. Fruit and Vegetable Products Laboratory, Weslaco. Fred Dunn, who has been handling an F.S.C.C. assignment at Dallas, Texas, will assist Mr. Harris at Weslaco.

4d. ARMY BUYING CANNED GOODS IN THE FIELD

The War Department has announced that Quartermaster purchases of canned goods has been extended to include contracts negotiated directly with canners at their plants.

Procurement Officers in the Chicago Quartermaster Depot, through which the major portion of the Army's canned vegetables have been purchased, recently called upon canners in Wisconsin and other States. Assisted by our processed foods inspectors it has been possible for these Procurement Officers to negotiate contracts direct with the consumers and obtain on-the-spot inspection of the goods delivered under the contracts.

5d. SIX CANNING PLANTS APPROVED FOR CONTINUOUS INSPECTION IN 1942

Six canning plants have recently been approved for continuous inspection. Four have recently been approved and two, which operated under the Service last year, will continue on the same basis during the 1941-42 season.

The plants scheduled to operate under continuous inspection for the first time are Mitchell Canneries, Inc., Ft. Meade; Bordo Products Co., Winter Haven; Adams Packing Company, Auburndale; and McDonald Corporation, also located at Auburndale. The two which operated under this plan last season were Florida Fruit Canners, Frostproof and Wegner Canning Corporation, Eustis.

Nine inspectors will be stationed in the six plants.

Paul M. Williams

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. CHANGES ON D(SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) PAGE OF THE CODE

(Effective December 6)

On the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code cancel the present meaning for

DIY Platte Valley Points and add

DEC Arizona, Phoenix District

DIY Arizona, Yuma District

This is in line with the changes on the State Abbreviation page of the code in the October 17 Division Letter, and will permit a breakdown of shipments from the two sections of Arizona when sending commercial wires.

B. C. Boree

OFFICE NOTES

John L. Buntin, Specialist in Transportation, left Washington on November 25 for an official trip of approximately 5 weeks. He will confer with railroad and steamship line officials and members of the Service in nine of the southern States.

S. H. Fountain, in charge of the Vallejo, California, inspection office, advises that his new office telephone number is 2-0397. His new residence telephone number is 3-6035.

James B. Owens, who has been employed in our market news service since July, 1929, has transferred to the Extension Service with headquarters at Columbia, South Carolina.

Raymond P. Melhart, processed foods, advises that his correct official address is 841 The Alameda, San Jose, California. His San Jose residence address is 472 South 9th Street. Residence telephone: Columbia 7364-W.

T.A. Cole has been appointed by the S.C. Extension Service to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of George E. Prince, Chief of the Division of Markets of that Service. Mr. Cole may be addressed at P.O. Box 1465, Columbia, S.C. He has, for a number of years, been associated with the Extension Service in South Carolina and has devoted a considerable portion of his time to shipping point inspection work.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

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Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G. Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 17
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
Martinsburg, W.Va. Public Square	835-B	R.W. Kohler	Apples	Sept. 16	April 15
*Phoenix, Arizona Security Bldg.	815	J.A. Hunter	Lettuce	Nov. 26	Jan. 3
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*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A. Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 3 " 15	March 31 May 31

* State cooperating

W.J. Chastain in Idaho Falls

R.M. Peterson on leave

R.G. Risser on leave (approximately 10 days
beginning November 30)

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. SIGN ALL COPIES OF EXPORT FORM CERTIFICATE

All copies as well as the original of Export Form Certificates should be signed by the inspector or the supervisor who signs the certificate. This is necessary since a number of these copies are required in connection with the Surplus Marketing Administration apple purchasing program. If it is possible to obtain and sign any copies of Export Form Certificates which may have been issued without signature this should be done in order to facilitate the handling of such export shipments.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Arizona tomatoes and other Mexican imports wire R.E. Bertelson,
305 American Ave., Nogales, Arizona.

" Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection
Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

" Virginia sweet potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Onley, Virginia.

" West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Martinsburg, West Virginia.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

3f. CHECK LIST OF U.S. STANDARDS

A "Check List of U.S. Standards Issued by The Fruit & Vegetable Division (Other Than for Canned Products)" dated November 15, 1941, accompanies this D.L. for each inspector.

F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES cont'd

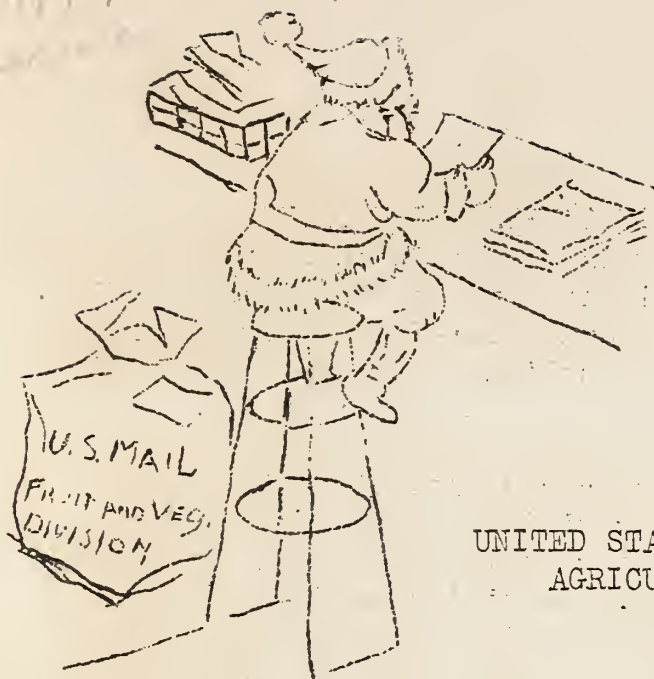
Arthur Pobjecky, processed foods inspector, who has been stationed in the Philadelphia office for the past few weeks, will report in Frost-proof, Florida, on December 1 for the purpose of handling the inspection work in connection with the continuous factory inspection of the Florida Fruit Canners Inc.

Paul M. Williams of the processed foods section made an address at the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Canners Association at York, Pennsylvania, on November 25. Mr. Williams spoke on the subject, "The Continuous Inspection Project for Canned Fruits and Vegetables."

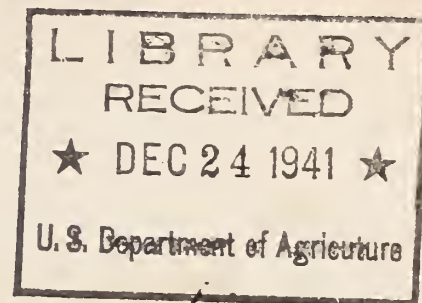
A considerable number of changes in assignment of inspectors of the processed foods section will be made within the next few days. Raymond DiMarzio of the Indianapolis office is being moved to Easton, Maryland, and will relieve C. E. Partridge at that point for an assignment to the Philadelphia office. Philip B. Shiff of the Indianapolis office is being transferred to Winter Haven, Florida. Leonard J. Miller of the New York office is also being transferred to Winter Haven. L.J. Ryan, now in Chicago, will report to Winter Haven, where he will be in charge of the continuous inspection work at the plant of the Bordo Products Company.

John E. Dodds of the Washington processed foods section will leave Washington on November 30 for a trip to the Pacific Coast. Mr. Dodds will confer with members of the inspection force at various points on new standards for frozen foods. It is hoped that the present standards for frozen Lima beans and peas may be revised and new standards developed for frozen spinach, asparagus, broccoli, snap beans, and Brussels sprouts by the first of the year. During his absence from the Washington office Mr. Dodds will be replaced by H.S. Slamp of the Philadelphia office.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

We have many reasons to be thankful for this Christmas season. At this time we need especially its warm spirit of cheer and friendly fellowship. Some may be wondering in view of the international debacle whether the Christmas spirit of peace and good fellowship is alive, or can survive the present ordeal. While the light of the first Christmas message seems to burn dimly just now, it has never been extinguished throughout the centuries. It can never burn brightly, however, so long as people are fettered with the shackles of war and destruction.

Our country and the people in many other nations have a difficult road ahead. The burdens and the tasks assigned to us will not be easy. Many in this Division worked long hours cheerfully and willingly this year to help our National Defense Program succeed. With the Nation at war we shall be asked to do even more work and to handle more difficult assignments.

I am confident that each of us will meet this challenge willingly by giving unstintingly the necessary time and effort to do the tasks assigned to him. As citizens of this Nation and employees of the United States Department of Agriculture we have both patriotic and official responsibilities, and it is up to us to discharge them well.

W B Neal

1a. DESIGNATED DOCTOR AND HOSPITAL NECESSARY IN COMPENSATION CASES

Attention is called to item 4a appearing in the Division Letter of March 21, 1941, under the heading "Safety, Accidents and Compensation Benefits." In view of the fact that so many new employees have entered the service of the Division within recent months, the following is published for the benefit of these new employees and also to refresh memories of those older in the Service:

When an employee is injured under circumstances entitling him to medical treatment or hospital care, under the provisions of the United States Employees' Compensation Act, his official superior shall issue promptly to him an authorization for such treatment or care. Special Form CA-16 has been provided by the Commission for use in authorizing medical treatment or in authorizing hospital care in cases in which there is no doubt concerning the right of the employee to receive such treatment or care. Special Form CA-17 is intended for use in all hernia cases and in all other cases in which there may be doubt whether the disability of the employee is due to an injury in line of duty.

Every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, shall, within forty-eight hours after the injury, give written notice thereof to the immediate superior of the employee. Such notice shall be given by delivering it personally or by depositing it properly stamped and addressed in the mail. Standard Form CA-1 is provided for use by the injured employee and Form CA-2 for use by the official superior in reporting all injuries in line of duty.

Treatment must be obtained from United States medical officers and hospitals if practicable; if these are not available, then by physicians and hospitals designated by the Compensation Commission, a list of which will be found in the hands of the official superior or head of the establishment. Where there is no designated physician or hospital, or United States medical officer or hospital, any reputable physician licensed to practice medicine, or any hospital, may be employed.

If a designated facility is not immediately available the Commission, generally speaking, will assume the cost of emergency treatment by other than its designated facilities, but after the emergency it becomes incumbent upon the employee to secure the service of the Commission's designated facilities. If the most convenient designated facility is not known the employee should wire the Washington office for this information. Should his condition be such that he is unable to do this he should, at the first opportunity, have some one do it for him.

If an employee injured in the performance of official duties fails to report to a United States Public Health Facility, the United States Employees' Compensation Commission requires a statement as to why the employee did not do so. This requirement must be closely observed by any employee, or his official superior, having occasion to submit standard forms C.A.-1 and C.A.-2 reporting an injury received in line of duty. The forms mentioned in these instructions are customarily available at any of the designated facilities should it develop that the employee does not have such a form on hand. Supervisors are charged with the responsibility of informing employees with reference to proper procedure under the U. S. Employees' Compensation Act.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. CORRECTION ON RU (GRAPEFRUIT, ORANGES, TANGERINES AND LINES) PAGE OF THE CODE:
(Effective at once)

Those who have the February 20, 1941 edition of the RU (GRAPEFRUIT, ORANGES, TANGERINES AND LINES) page of the code should remove the suffixes UX and UY following the symbols

RUX quarter boxes

RUY cartons

The Division Letter item of April 5, 1940 that added RUX and RUY to the code did not provide for suffixes to these terms, but they were included in error when the stencil was cut.

The suffix UY on the RU page will continue to mean "all sizes."

B.C. Boree

OFFICE NOTES:

J.A. Marks, of the Memphis, Tennessee, inspection office again requests that all mail intended for his office should be addressed to P.O. Box 27. Telegrams, express or freight should be addressed to Mr. Marks at Room 212 Custom House, Front and Madison Ave.

K.W. Schaible advises that his residence address is now 1615 Blair Street, Lansing, Michigan. Residence telephone 56396.

The address of the new Los Angeles, California, processed foods office is 148 South Mission Road. Thomas K. Miller in charge.

Due to frequent changes in his itinerary, Wm. E. Paulson, of the P.A.C.A. section, requests that all mail intended for him be addressed c/o Mr. C.H. Walleigh, Agricultural Marketing Service, Washington, D.C.

R.H. Fox, in charge of the seasonal market news office at Belle Glade, Florida, has been confined to a local hospital since December 4, having contracted Typhoid Fever. Aaron Stanbaugh, of the Washington market news office, arrived in Belle Glade on December 8 and is now in charge of that office.

Harry H. Poe of the Easton, Maryland, processed foods office and W.V. Burnett of the Baltimore office, have been transferred to Winter Haven, Florida, for the next few months.

Paul H. Williams and Ray C. Richardson, of the processed foods section attended a convention of the Tri-State Packers Association at Atlantic City December 5. Conferences were held with packers of tomato products for the purpose of discussing possible changes in the United States Standards for Grades of Tomato Catsup.

J.J. Gardner, of the Pittsburgh inspection office, was a visitor in the Washington office on December 11.

2b. NEW YORK PRODUCTS

The western New York fruit and vegetable harvest has been over for some time and most supplies are now coming from storages, either common or cold. For most crops, the past fall offered ideal harvesting conditions. Apples and pears suffered some damage by high winds, but losses were minimized by salvaging for immediate consumption or for canning. The mean temperature during November was 4.3° warmer than normal and early December has continued unusually warm causing considerable speculation over the keeping of crops in common storages.

Apple prices have been holding steady, assisted by an active canners' demand and Government buying for relief and export purposes. Offerings to the S.M.A have been decreasing weekly and the program is scheduled to be concluded at the end of this week. Most Government purchases have been from common storage at prices ranging from 65¢-1.05 per bushel container, according to grade and variety. Commercial sales have been on about the same basis to slightly higher, except plus cold storage charges when from cold storage. Recent sales of desirable varieties from cold storage have ranged \$1.25-1.45.

Remaining supplies of cabbage are mostly in permanent winter storage. The market has been holding steady at \$22.00-26.00 sacked per ton for Danish type, f.o.b. - with growers being paid mostly \$15.00 bulk per ton.

Onion prices advanced during November, but reacted slightly downward during the first week in December. Unseasonal warm weather was blamed for the set-back, as it was not conducive to a good turn over in the terminals and also caused some fear that supplies in common storage in the country might start sprouting. During late November growers were receiving \$3.00 per cwt. and during the first week in December were still firmly asking this figure. F.O.B. sales have recently ranged \$1.60-1.75 per 50-lb. sack.

Celery shippers experienced a very good demand until Thanksgiving but since then report little or no demand. All washing plants in the territory ceased operations after Thanksgiving so all stock now moving is in the two-thirds crate, in the rough. Shippers report that the condition of celery in storages is generally very poor. It is to be remembered that the celery fields were dry until early fall when plentiful rains made the fertilizers available and caused a quick and luxuriant growth. As a result the celery moving from the fields was tender and crisp, with the quality said to be the best in seasons. However, because of this tenderness, the celery is not keeping well in storage.

Canners have been purchasing most of the carrots in western N.Y. Canners located in the area and shippers in western N.Y. (buying for shipment to distant canners) have been paying growers from \$12-20 per ton, with the present price mostly \$15.

The quality of western N.Y. potatoes is reported to be above average, and shippers are having little difficulty in loading straight cars of U.S. No. 1. Sizes in some sections are small because of dry weather - but most storages are filled with clean, dry potatoes. Growers are receiving 50-65¢ a bushel for up-land potatoes at their farms - FOB sales range from \$1.30-1.35 per 100-lb. sack of U.S. No. 1 Round Whites. The 15-lb. sack continues to be in good demand, especially for distribution in up-state markets. (J.C. Keller - 12/8/41)

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THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED

*Plant City, Fla.	850	R.M. Peterson	Strawberries	Dec. 18	March 14
			Lettuce	" 18	April 11

* State cooperating

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. READ THE DIVISION LETTERS

All processed foods inspectors should read every item in the Division Letter carefully. Recent additions to the inspection force should understand that any directions or requests contained in the Division Letter are to be followed just as though the item had been personally directed to them in an official letter. The Division Letter is issued twice a month, and each inspector should make certain that he sees each issue. Requests for additional copies may be addressed to the Washington office, attention H.M. Bailey.

2d. INSPECTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS

We have just been advised that the Army will immediately purchase very sizable quantities of canned fruits and vegetables, negotiating contracts direct with the canners, as has been done to a limited extent already this year.

Army buyers will contact our offices, and our inspectors are to accompany them whenever the Army inspectors wish, in order to grade merchandise on the spot.

Whenever the inspection of merchandise under a negotiated contract is finished the inspector should immediately wire the Quartermaster Depot through which the contract was negotiated as to the outcome of the inspection.

3d. GOVERNMENT INSPECTED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PACKERS INC.

The above title is the name of an organization just incorporated under the laws of the State of New York with headquarters on the 17th floor, 745 Fifth Ave., New York City, which has as its four objectives the following:

- "a. To create wider consumer acceptance of food packed under continuous inspection of the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.
- "b. To educate the consumer as to the meaning and advantages of the Official Grades of fruits and vegetables established by the Agricultural Marketing Service.
- "c. To establish and maintain friendly relations among those engaged in the packing of foods under such continuous inspection and between them and the growers of fruits and vegetables.
- "d. To co-operate with the promotional and educational work of the Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture and of other Government agencies and to maintain contact with them."

GOVERNMENT INSPECTED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PACKERS INC. (cont'd)

Article III of the constitution and by-laws of the organization covering membership reads as follows:

SECTION 1: Membership in the Institute shall be of two classes:
Regular and Associate.

Regular Membership

Any qualified person, firm or corporation of good repute packing or canning fruits or vegetables, or both, under continuous Agricultural Marketing Service inspection shall be eligible to membership, provided, however, that such membership shall automatically cease upon such member's discontinuing its packing or canning under continuous inspection.

It is expected that the first meeting of the corporation will be held in Chicago in connection with the National Cannery Convention next month.

4d. F.S.C.C. CONTRACTS LET ON CITRUS BASE FOR MARMALADE PURPOSES

Contracts were recently let for the processing of 28,000 tons of fresh citrus to be barreled this winter in Florida, Maryland, and New Jersey. At least one processed foods inspector will be detailed to each of the plants having contracts, where they will be stationed for several weeks.

5d. ALL PROCESSED FOODS INSPECTORS TO DRESS IN WHITE

A letter has been sent to each inspector of the processed foods Section outlining the wishes of the Service with respect to the white uniforms to be worn in the inspection offices as well as in plants under continuous inspection. In the event you have not received a letter on this subject, please advise your district supervisor in order that you may make arrangements to comply.

6d. ALCOHOL INSOLUBLE SOLIDS DETERMINATIONS ON CANNED PEAS

The correspondence coming into the Washington office of the Processed Foods Section indicates that many of the inspectors have either failed to read or have not received a copy of the memorandum issued on June 30, 1941, containing instructions as to when alcohol insoluble solids on peas should be determined. Any inspector failing to have a copy of this memorandum should advise the Washington office immediately.

7d. HANDLING REMITTANCES IN THE FIELD

Please see the article under the above heading appearing on page 197 of this D.L., item #2f.

8d. REPORT ARRIVAL AT NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Each inspector given new assignment should wire his supervisor immediately upon his arrival at his new assignment, and in turn the district supervisors should wire the Washington office upon receipt of this advice. Each inspector, as he hears the completion of a continuous factory inspection assignment or a special assignment at a plant where he has been stationed continuously for some length of time inspecting large quantities of merchandise, should advise his supervising inspector at least one week before the conclusion of his services as to the probable date his work will be finished at that point. A copy of this letter should be sent to the Washington office.

9d. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The Civil Service Commission will probably announce a new examination for processed foods inspectors in this Service early in Jan. for both the Assistant and Junior grades. It is likely that our program will enlarge somewhat during the next year, and we are anxious that our present personnel give thoughtful consideration to bringing the announcement to the attention of young men with good personalities who possess the necessary requirements such as age, education, and experience. Copies of the announcement will be sent to each inspector for that purpose.

Incidentally, do not suggest that any of them write the Washington office or any of the other offices of the Service. Each inspector should understand that it is in violation of law to assist prospective applicants in matters pertaining to Civil Service examinations. Applicants may be furnished with copies of grades and regulations governing our Service and any other literature which is available to the public, but further than this no one may properly go.

We hope there will be a wide participation in the next examination in order that we may secure as large a list of eligibles as possible as a result.

Paul M. Williams

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. NO APPEAL INSPECTIONS ON BULGE

The Florida Citrus Commission has adopted a new regulation, No. 53, which makes the Interstate Commerce Commission regulations for closing of citrus containers a part of the requirements of the Citrus Commission for the certification of all containers whether shipped by rail, or boat or truck. The important parts of this regulation are those applying to the bulge for the standard and wirebound boxes. The bulge for the standard box "must not be more than 1-3/4 inches when the box is packed with Oranges, and not more than 2-1/2 inches when the box is packed with Grapefruit." In the case of the 1-3/5 bushel wire-bound box "The outside binding wire loops must be so engaged and be bent back or down in such a manner that the top cleats will be in contact with the side cleats, provided that such cleats shall be deemed in contact if they are not more than 1/16th of an inch apart. The intermediate binding wire loops must be so engaged and be bent back or down in such a manner that the opening between the edge of the top side slat and the edge of the nearest top slat shall not exceed, at any point, 1-1/4 inch when packed with Oranges and 1-1/2 inch when packed with Grapefruit."

In the case of the tangerine box the maximum bulge is 3/4 inch.

The inspectors at shipping points are not noting the exact amount of the bulge on the certificate but are stating "Meets Citrus Commission Regulation No. 53."

If an appeal inspection is requested in a receiving market on this question of bulge and proper closing of boxes it should be denied. It has already been found that the distance between the top and end cleats will increase somewhat after the container has been handled a number of times incident to stacking on packing house floor and loading into the car. There may also be slight shrinkage of the fruit in transit which would affect the exact height of the bulge. Since these factors are subject to change after the original certification which is being based on measurements taken immediately after the box has been closed, appeal inspections are not in order.

If a receiver should insist on certification of height of bulge or other factors related to the closing of the crate a regular certificate may be issued showing the facts which are found.

It should be remembered that the amount of the bulge is the greatest measurement from the underside of the highest point of the cover to the bottom edge of a straight edge which rests on the ends of the crate.

2f. HANDLING REMITTANCES IN THE FIELD

Under the new system of making deposits/in the field, which it is anticipated will be inaugurated on January 2, 1942, deposits may be made by mail, as well as in person. If mail is used all cash deposits should be transmitted under registered mail. Where no cash is involved, the regular mail may be used.

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Nebraska.

F.G. Robb

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2a. EXCUSING EMPLOYEES ON DECEMBER 23 OR 24 FOR TWO HOURS

There is quoted below Memorandum No. P-199 dated December 11, 1941
from the Director of Personnel for the Department:

"There will be no Executive Order this year providing for the customary day off before Christmas day or before New Year's day. However, we have been advised informally by the Bureau of the Budget that where it is practicable, employees may be excused two hours early on either December 23 or 24, but not on both days. Employees may not be excused on either of the two days preceding New Year's day.

"Subject to the condition that no office shall be entirely vacated during regular hours of duty, chiefs of bureaus in the Department of Agriculture may at their discretion excuse employees whose services can be spared, in both the departmental and field services, as provided above. Any other absence, except for sickness, will be charged to annual leave or leave without pay."

It is to be noted that employees are to be excused for two hours on days indicated if their services can be spared. Under no circumstances will the employees of any Unit be excused as a group as all offices are expected to function during the entire working hours on December 23 and 24. Employees in a leave status will be charged for the full seven hours absence on those days and will not receive credit for the two hours referred to herein. All employees who would be in a duty status, if not otherwise excused, will not be charged with annual leave for the two hours leave of absence granted.

/s/ F.J. Hughes
Business Manager

4f. TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING OCTOBER, 1941.

199

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arkansas	1	New Hampshire	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Arizona	125	New Jersey	165 $\frac{1}{2}$
California	8729	New York	1163
Colorado	3187 $\frac{1}{2}$	North Dakota	2172
Delaware	513	Ohio	1122
Florida	844	Oregon	2880
Idaho	5869 $\frac{1}{2}$	Pennsylvania	500
Illinois	73	South Carolina	9
Indiana	161 $\frac{1}{2}$	South Dakota	16
Iowa	32	Texas	2753
Louisiana	740	Utah	301 **
Maine	1711	Vermont	5
Maryland	327	Virginia	2145
Massachusetts	72*	Washington	4543
Michigan	1956	West Virginia	312
Minnesota	1095 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wisconsin	121
Mississippi	5	Wyoming	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Montana	8		
Nebraska	198 $\frac{1}{2}$	Total	43,690

** There were 623 trucklots aggregating 5,406,467 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following report not yet received: New Mexico.

Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: Indiana 92, Kentucky 33, Montana 60, New Jersey 157, Ohio 939, Utah 144, West Virginia 536.

In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following markets for the S.M.A. in the amount indicated: Hartford, Conn. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cars, and New Haven, Conn. 25 cars.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING OCTOBER, 1941</u>					
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>
Albany	22	8	Milwaukee	28	30
Atlanta	104	18	Minneapolis	31	23
Baltimore	68	47	Newark	35	14
Boston	107	105	New Haven	82	17
Buffalo	65	54	New Orleans	84	91
Chicago	167	176	New York	375	527
Cincinnati	56	24	Norfolk	14	18
Cleveland	86	57	Oklahoma City	11	13
Columbus	16	33	Philadelphia	95	55
Denver	28	20	Pittsburgh	215	288
Detroit	157	207	Portland	0	13
E.Providence	-	8	Raleigh	3	-
Fargo	2	1	Rochester	11	12
Fort Worth	30	8	St. Louis	37	42
Harrisburg	2	1	San Diego	1	0
Hartford	23	27	San Francisco	18	1
Houston	29	23	Seattle	47	11
Indianapolis	12	9	Tampa	7	5
Jackson	6	1	Trenton	1	1
Jacksonville	37	56	Washington, D.C.	20	13
Kansas City	58	40	TOTAL	2291	2137
Los Angeles	7	16	Total fees assessed for	Total last year	
Memphis	25	10	October, 1941, \$10,005.80	\$7,921.25	
Miami	69	14			

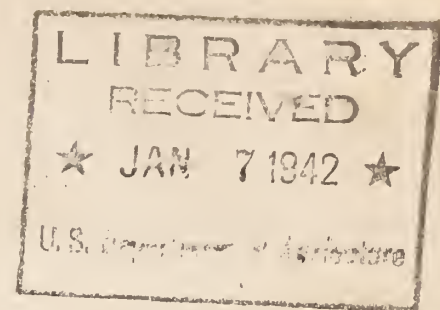
1224 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

October, 1941

<u>Cities</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Veterans'</u> <u>Hospitals</u>	<u>Marine & Guard</u> <u>: Quarter-: Public</u>	<u>Coast</u> <u>: Maritime: Health & Other</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>: N.Y. Medic-: Agencies</u>	<u>State</u> <u>: County</u>	<u>City</u> <u>: Insti-: Steamship</u>	<u>Lines</u>
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	22,688	-	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	295,730	-	-
Chicago	95,625	9,062	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleveland	4,339	3,005	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit	126,926	19,235	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	1,224,615	51,995	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indianapolis	5,180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	22,031	294,438	1,419,925	-	-	82,917	-	-
Memphis	-	9,901	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	94,213	-	-	-	136,446	-	-
Newark	25,371	58,590	-	-	-	160,886	-	-
New York	893,168	113,579	128,573	62,622	254,285	2,251,109	751,174	-
Norfolk	3,716,137	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	357,910	55,227	22,899	3,105	-	167,110	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	41,305	-	-	-	64,703	-	-
St. Louis	16,330	23,685	2,018	-	-	249,520	-	-
San Diego	1,848,449	-	644,466	8,556	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	3,118,780	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	498,350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seattle	-	-	-	-	18,115	-	-	-
Vallejo	528,946	-	39,901	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	14,531	-	-	-	50,713	-	-	-
TOTAL	12,496,688	774,235	2,257,782	74,283	254,285	3,431,109	751,174	-
GRAND TOTAL	20,113,885	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. OPEN MARKET PURCHASES IN THE FIELD SERVICE

The policy of the Service has always been to meet its field needs for common office supplies through requisitions placed on the Central Supply Section of the Department. This is due largely to the fact that such supplies are obtainable at better prices from stock than from open market purchases by the field offices locally. However, because of the present situation, it is becoming more difficult daily to obtain certain items of supplies, and delays have been and are being encountered in securing deliveries. For the duration of the present emergency, field offices may secure the following items locally:

Stencils, mimeograph
Addressograph frames, plates, etc.
Waste Paper baskets
Flash light batteries

Additional items will be added to the above list from time to time during the existing emergency. When these supplies are purchased locally they should be obtained if possible at approximately the prices shown in the Stock Catalog, due consideration being given to handling and transportation costs. The charge made by the Central Supply Section for handling averages about $7\frac{1}{2}\%$.

If any of the supplies purchased are covered by the General Schedule of Supplies and the contractors have local offices or agents in the city where the F. & V. office is located purchase should be from such offices or agents.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE					
Stations	Mail List	In Charge	Product	First Bulletin	Probably Will Close
*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	W.J.Chastain	Beans	Nov. 3	Dec. 23
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E.Keller	Fruits Vegetables	Nov. 10 " 10	Jan. 10 April 15
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 17
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
Martinsburg, W.Va. Public Square	835-B	R.W. Kohler	Apples	Sept. 16	April 15
*Phoenix, Arizona Security Bldg.	815	J.A.Hunter	Lettuce	Nov. 26	Jan. 3
*Plant City, Fla.	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries Lettuce	Dec. 18 " 18	March 14 April 11
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 16	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 2 " 2 " 2 " 2 " 24 " 2 " 2 " 4 Oct. 6	May 19 Feb. 21 May 19 Dec. 15 Oct. 7 April 21 Oct. 27 Sept. 23 May 5
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 3 " 15	March 31 May 31
* State cooperating					

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. PACKING SPECIMENS FOR MAILING TO PATHOLOGISTS

It has been suggested that it will be more satisfactory if smaller quantities of a specimen which is being mailed for pathological examination are packed in a single container, and that greater care be taken to avoid crushing within the package. For example, it will be much better if only a part of a bunch of grapes is sent rather than two or three bunches, which tend to crush each other and become sticky from the juice of the crushed fruit. A few typical specimens showing the injury in question are all that are usually necessary for identification. These should be packed with cotton, fine excelsior, tissue paper, or similar packing material, so that the individual specimens will not be in contact with each other.

Promptness is always essential in mailing specimens of this kind, for transit under ordinary postal conditions is favorable for the rapid development of many decays. Where it is necessary to send only a few specimens of light weight, and promptness in obtaining a report is important, air express may be used.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,
Warsaw, Indiana.

" Mexican tomatoes and other imports wire R.H. Bertelson, 305 American
Ave., Nogales, Arizona.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,
Nebraska.

3f. SCHEDULES OF COLLECTIONS

With further reference to the new instructions, effective January 1, 1942, regarding the handling of collections in the field, please submit the Divisional copy of each "Schedule of Collections." together with the corresponding fee bills, direct to Mrs. Mills for review and subsequent submission to Mrs. McBride for final checking and filing.

4f. ENCLOSURES

Accompanying this D.L., for each inspector, are copies of (1) Circular No. 618 "Storage Quality of the Principal American Varieties of Onions" and (2) Short Form, "U.S. Standards for Bunched Shallots (1941)."

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASES OF OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Notice has been made of the fact that some of the inspectors are contacting Government purchasing agencies direct. This practice should be discontinued immediately. This subject is covered in chapter VII, paragraph 50, of the handbook.

2d. SCHEDULES OF COLLECTIONS

Please see the article under the above heading appearing on page 203 of this D.L., item #3f.

Paul M. Williams

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OFFICE NOTES

Due to the increased volume of inspection work of fresh fruits and vegetables for the Navy at San Francisco, L.G.C. Peirce, who has been in charge of the St. Louis inspection office since 1924 will transfer to San Francisco shortly after the New Year to assist with this work. A.H. Polster will transfer from the Buffalo inspection office to take charge of the St. Louis office and M.C. Erickson transfers from the Philadelphia inspection office to take charge of the Buffalo office. Fred C. Hartz, who was appointed in August, 1941, for duty at Chicago, transfers to the Philadelphia office to replace Mr. Erickson.

John K. Simonds, who has been engaged on continuous factory inspection work at the Spencer Packing Company, Yakima, Washington, has completed that assignment and is now located at Room 203 Federal Building, Yakima, Washington. P.O. Box 803.

W.G. Meal will address a meeting of The Canadian Fruit Wholesalers' Association at Quebec, Canada on January 8. Mr. Meal's subject will be "Improvement of Trade Practices and Physical Facilities in Terminal Markets."

Ben A. Fowler, processed foods inspector, left Washington recently to handle the inspection of citrus pulp for the FSCC at the plant of The Polk Company at Tampa, Florida.

Earl F. Burk has been transferred from the Columbus, Ohio, processed foods office to Winter Haven, Florida, for the winter months. Floyd J. Weaver of Fayetteville, Arkansas, office has also been transferred to Winter Haven.

John B. Wegener, recently transferred from Chicago to Winter Haven, has now assumed charge of the continuous factory inspection of The McDonald Corporation at Auburndale, Florida.

